

Police Beat

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M I C H I G A N C O M M U N I T Y N E W S P A P E R S

Romulus Reports

On Dec. 24, Romulus Police Officers responded to a call from the 28000 block of Leroy. Upon arrival they found the drivers side window broken on a 1998 Jeep. An Infinity radio, airbag, tire and rim were stolen from the vehicle.

Graffiti was found sprayed on a building in the 14700 block of Harrison Rd.

A taxi company called to report that a fare failed to pay for the ride. The location called upon came from the 5800 block of Pan Am.

On Christmas day, a call was received from the 6700 block of Merriman. A 1991 Thunderbird had been stolen. The vehicle was recovered in Detroit with front end damage.

An anonymous call came in from the 9400 block of Chamberlain. A 1987 Cougar had been parked in front of a location for approximately one month. A short investigation found the vehicle was stolen.

Officers responded to a call from the 8600 block of Merriam. A shuttle van was left running in front of the location. The van was stolen by a white male who claimed he was late for a flight. The shuttle was recovered in front of the international terminal at the airport.

A call was received from the 36000 block of Eureka. The complainant states that he and his "crew" (painting and floor covering) picked up a hitchhiker in Canton. They dropped the hitchhiker at the location called from. The keys were left in the vehicle while the crew went inside. Upon return, they found their vehicle was missing. The vehicle is described as a 1993 Chevy Suburban, plate #AHZ582.

Van Buren Reports

A hit and run accident was reported at I-94 and I-275 on Dec. 20.

A domestic dispute was reported from Tim Horton's.

Another domestic dispute lead to an arrest from the 49000 block of Denton.

Two more domestic disputes were responded to on Dec. 20. One from Maple Rd. in which the suspects left before officers arrived. Then from another location in the 49000 block of Denton.

Officers were called to the Harbour Club Apartments to quiet down a loud party on Dec. 21.

A home invasion was called in from Harbour Club. Upon arrival, officers were unable to locate any suspicious persons.

Officers responded to a call of threats being made at Parkwood.

Threats and a domestic dispute sent officers to Southport Apartments on Dec. 21.

A traffic stop lead to a warrant arrest on Rawsonville at I-94.

Gas was reported stolen from the 1500 block of Sumpster.

The fire department responded to a call from the 51000 block of Sylvia due to a dryer fire.

Retail fraud was reported to officers on Dec. 22 from the 9700 block of Bell.

A medical emergency was responded to from the Powerhouse Gym.

Meijer's reported retail fraud on Dec. 22.

Officers responded to a call which stated a 13 year old was drinking alcohol at Parkwood. No further information was given.

A resident of Village Green Apartments reported their vehicle broken into and items stolen.

Another larceny was reported at Van Born and Bell Rd.

A medical emergency was called in from the 600 block of Sumpster Rd.

And, just when you think things are getting worse, Van Buren Police received a call from the Haggerty Sub in which a resident found some property previously stolen from someone.

A vehicle theft was reported from the Vernon St. area on Dec. 23. No description was received on the automobile.

The fire department was called to a vehicle fire on Sumpster Rd. on Dec. 23.

A call came in to police officials of a theft at the 9700 block of Bell Rd. Fraud charges were pressed and an arrest was made.

Officers were called to a location in the 6800 block of Liberty to break up a fight. Reports were made.

Shell Gas Station called in an assault report on Dec. 23.

An unknown caller stated there was a suspicious vehicle in the 45000 block of Van Born Rd. Upon arrival, officers were unable to locate the suspect.

Residents from the 9700 block of Belleville Rd. called and stated there were suspicious persons outside of the location. Officers responded and advised the suspects to leave the area.

The police department made a walkin complaint on Alden Rd. for domestic violence. A warrant request was submitted.

Denny's Restaurant reported \$118 missing from their location on Christmas Day.

Van Buren Police responded to a call of a man slumped over the wheel. Upon arrival they found a man wanted to a probation violation for unarmed robbery.

The fugitive was arrested and will be transferred over to the Lansing Tether Probation.

A custody dispute came in from the Green Meadows Apartments. No report was made. This call was received at approximately 9:45am.

A second call came in from the same location at approximately 12:00pm for the custody dispute. Officers responded and transferred the children over to the proper parent.

A call came in from the 11000 block of Belleville Rd. for retail fraud. No arrests were made.

A domestic assault and battery sent officials to a location from the 9100 block of Parkwood.

Damaged property was reported from the 20 block of Birch Rd.

A drug overdose sent police and paramedics to the 10000 block of Van Buren. The victim was transported to a local hospital.

Van Buren police had their hands full on Dec. 26. Several arrests were made. One for an attempted vehicle theft from the Harbour Club Apartments. Larceny at ProTec. An accident on the S. Service Dr. Harassment at the Park Estates. And the last from a location on Van Born Rd. for juvenile trouble.

A rollover accident occurred on WB 94 at Bell Rd. The accident was transferred over to the State Police.

Another rollover accident on 275 and Hannan Rd. was transferred over to the Romulus Police Dept.

A medical emergency was called in from a location at Kirkridge. Huron Valley ambulance responded to the call.

A report was taken on Dec. 27 from Parkwood of shots being fired through a door.

An unknown caller stated there was a possible drunk driver on WB94 at Bell Rd. Officers rushed to the area and made an OUIL arrest.

A vehicle larceny was reported from the Cracker Barrel on the N. Service Dr. on Dec. 27.

Wayne Reports

Officers reported to the 32000 block of Van Born Rd... for a call of destruction of property.

A call was received from the 32000 block of E. Michigan Ave. for police to come and take care of a disorderly person.

A traffic accident at Venoy and Michigan Ave. resulted in injuries on Dec. 26.

Officers responded to a breaking and entering in progress from the 35000 block of Sims Ave. A complaint and incident report was made.

Police were called to the 36000 block of W. Michigan Ave. due to an assault.

The railroad crossing lights malfunctioned on Dec. 27 at Elizabeth and the Conrail Railway.

An assault complaint was made from the 4500 block of Hubbard.

An injury accident at Michigan and Merriman on Dec. 27 resulted in injuries. The case was transferred over to the residing city authorities.

Another injury accident was responded to from the 32000 block of E. Michigan.

An attempted breaking and entering sent officials to the 4500 block of Howe Rd.

A caller reported there was an assault which occurred at the 4800 block of W. Westwick.

Officers were called to the 5200 block of Wayne Rd. to mediate some problems amongst neighbors.

Destruction of property sent officers to the 4000 block of Gloria on Dec. 27.

A caller stated there was a person possibly operating under the influence at Michigan and Newburgh. Officers were unable to locate the suspect upon arrival.

Assault reports were filed on Dec. 28 from the 34000 block of W. Michigan Ave.

A missing person report was made from the 5100 block of E. Westwick.

A 1985 Ford Escort was stolen from the 2900 block of Gladwin.

Destruction of property was reported from the 4400 block of Randolph.

An injury accident on Dec. 28 sent officers and ambulance to the 5000 block of Treadwell.

A breaking and entering report was made from the 4000 block of Biddle.

A liquor law violation was responded to at the 32000 block of E. Michigan.

A caller from the 34000 block of John St. sent officers to calm a disorderly person. Reports were made at the scene.

An assault report was made on Dec. 29 from the 33000 block of Forest Ave.

A call which previously reported a missing person from the 32000 block of E. Michigan had a happy ending. The person had returned to the location.

A complaint of an assault sent officers to the 34000 block of Harroun.

Police were summoned to the 4200 block of Gloria on a weapons charge.

A missing person report was made from the 4500 block of Columbus on Dec. 30.

Embezzlement charges were made from the 38000 block of Van Born Rd.

A vehicle theft report was made from the 4400 block of Howe Rd. on Dec. 31.

The railroad crossing at Venoy Rd. S. of Michigan Ave. caused some headaches to drivers on Dec. 31 due to a malfunction.

A breaking and entering report was made from the 33000 block of Park Hill.

Another breaking and entering occurred at the 35000 block of W. Michigan.

A missing person report was made on Dec. 31 from the 3300 block of Pershing.

Two calls were received within an hour of each other due to fights. One fight occurred in the 4200 block of Niagara. The next at the 32000 block of W. Michigan.

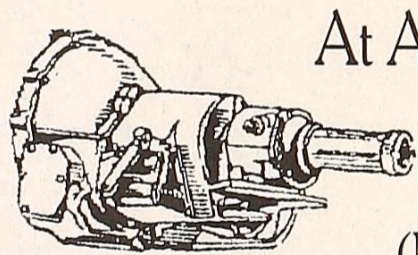
A breaking and entering was reported from the 34000 block of Elm on Jan. 1.

An injury accident was responded to at E. Michigan and Venoy Rd. on Jan. 2.

Just a short time later, another injury accident occurred at Van Born and Venoy.

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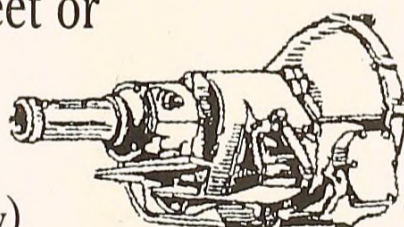
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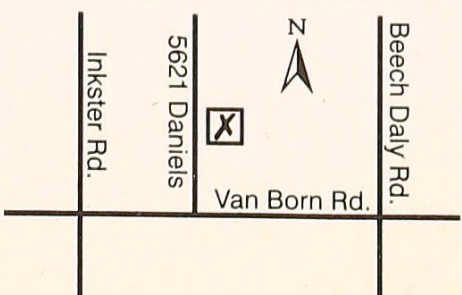
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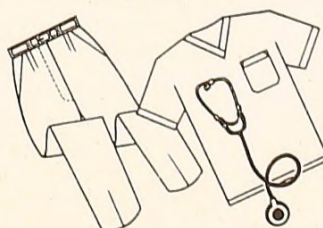
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Things to do; places to go!

• Currently at the Hilberry Theatre, Wayne State University, is *Saturday, Sunday, Monday*. The play continues in rotating repertory through Jan. 30, 1998.

• Eastern Michigan University features *Anne of the Thousand Days* on March 6-8 and 12-14, 1998 at the Quirk Theatre.

• Open Tuesday through Sunday, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., The Automotive Hall of Fame, 21400 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, Mich.

• The *Retirement Murders*, an audience participation murder mystery comedy will be presented by the Jacksonn Productions Dinner Theatre at Fiorelli's Restaurant (26125 E. Huron River Drive, Flat Rock). The production will take place every Saturday evening (6:30 p.m. seating) Jan. 10 through March 7, 1998. Tickets are \$28 in advance, \$33 at the door (includes dinner, show, tax and tip).

• A recital featuring works from Bach to Barber is being offered at Madonna University at 3 p.m. Jan. 25 in Kresge Hall. Admission is by donation to the music scholarship fund. For more information, call (734) 432-5709.

• Families can produce and perform a radio play just as they did in the golden age of radio by visiting Henry Ford Museum in Dearborn March 7, 8, 14, 15, 21, 22, 28, or 29.

• The sixth annual Spring Home and Garden Show opens Jan. 29 and runs through Feb. 1 at the Novi Expo Center at I-96 and Novi Road. Tickets are available at Farmer Jack stores at \$9 a family. For more ticket information call (248) 737-4478.

Comedy features Canton actors

Chuck Reynolds and Paul Helmstetter, both of Canton Township, will be featured in *Sly Fox*, a comedy being presented by the Players Guild of Dearborn this weekend.

Set in turn-of-the century San Francisco, the play focuses on a scheming miser, Foxwell J. Sly, and his plan to extract the fortunes of three rich opportunists.

Sly Fox is directed by Kim Donovan, and co-produced by Nancy Wolter and Alan Elias.

The production opens at the Players Guild at 8 p.m. Jan. 9. Other performances are Jan. 10, 16, 17, 23, and 24 at 8 p.m., and at 2:30 p.m. Jan. 18. Tickets are \$10, Mastercard and Visa are welcomed. Group rates are also available.

The Players Guild of Dearborn is located at 21730 Madison, southeast of Monroe and Outer Drive. For reservations or ticket information, call the Guild ticket line. For directions or other information, call (313) 277-5164.

Book takes readers on journey to personal growth

By Joan Dyer-Zinner

Iyanla Vanzant's book about attaining spiritual strength and personal growth is available at just the right time -- early in the new year when individuals' resolutions are still fresh in their minds.

One Day My Soul Just Opened Up: 40 Days and Nights Toward Spiritual Strength and Personal Growth is an uplifting guide to a journey of self-improvement and empowerment.

For anyone in search of inner peace, Vanzant provides a practical, easy-to-follow program revolving around 40 fundamental spiritual principles for daily living and a renewed sense of self.

The author described the condition she once suffered from as "insanity: a perpetual state of pushing to do more, be better and get ahead." Her feverish quest for happiness contaminated every attempt at happiness and, instead, ate away at her soul.

She writes in her introduction that feelings of misery, confusion and despair began to grow like an annoying fungus in her mind. Her thinking was fuzzy, she snapped at people and she became professionally aggressive and competition to the point of being combative.

"At the time, I didn't realize

what was going on. I thought I was having a string of bad luck. As I watched my life fall to pieces, I did what any mindless person would do, I got totally 'PO-ed'! It is called temporary insanity," she recalled.

In response, Vanzant changed careers, changed partners, cut her hair and lost 32 pounds.

"I came into the one realization that continues to sustain me: 'If you know who walks beside you, you can never be afraid!' I wish I knew the exact moment and time it happened because I would have had a party. I now believe it was in that instant that my soul opened up and the spirit of the Divine entered my life," said Vanzant. "In writing this book, it is my hope to offer support and guidance to those who are 'temporarily insane.' I've been there and I know it really is only temporary."

The book provides one principle at a time and offers enlightening commentaries, real-life experiences and personal stories for reflection. She suggests that readers spend 20 minutes each morning and 10 minutes each evening to study the 40 principles and to write one's comments in the journal.

"Forty days and nights spent honoring the things that

really matter in life is only the first step toward personal growth and spiritual strength," Vanzant noted, adding that the journey could take six months or more to complete the "40-day journey."

Among the 40 principles are compassion, conservation, discipline, peacefulness, creativity, trust, patience, simplicity, affirmation, balance and fun.

Vanzant begins Day One with truth -- it is eternal, the same today as yesterday.

"Everyone will discover the degree of truth that supports what they believe about life, just as I did. I guess the most difficult challenge we all face is learning to live what we believe each day, all the time, under all circumstances," Vanzant wrote.

In the nine postulates she lists in the chapter on truth, she includes: "God is within you and every living thing. Our lives are a reflection of our conscious and subconscious choices," and "everybody is born to fulfill a divine purpose." The accompanying pages allow space for listing key ideas about truth and about how the individual accepts truth as it relates to her and her experiences.

As the reader progresses through the 40 principles, per-

Writer is award-winner

Author Iyanla (pronounced Ee-Yan-La) Vanzant has been hailed as among the "most dynamic African-American speakers in the country" by *Emerge* magazine.

Vanzant has received numerous awards and accolades for her work. In 1992, Los Angeles Mayor Thomas Bradley named Oct. 21 as "Tapping the Power Within the Day" in honor of the workshop she presented in the city. In 1994, she was named Alumni of the Year by the National Association for Equal Opportunity for Education, an organization comprised of the presidents and administrators of the 117 predominantly black colleges in the nation. She was also awarded an "Oni" by the International Congress of Black Women as one of the nation's unsung heroes. She currently serves as a national spokesperson for Literacy Volunteers of America.

"My greatest desire is for people to know who they are from the inside out and to use that knowledge as a tool for empowerment and love," said Vanzant, who is the founder and executive director of Inner Visions Spiritual Life Maintenance Network.

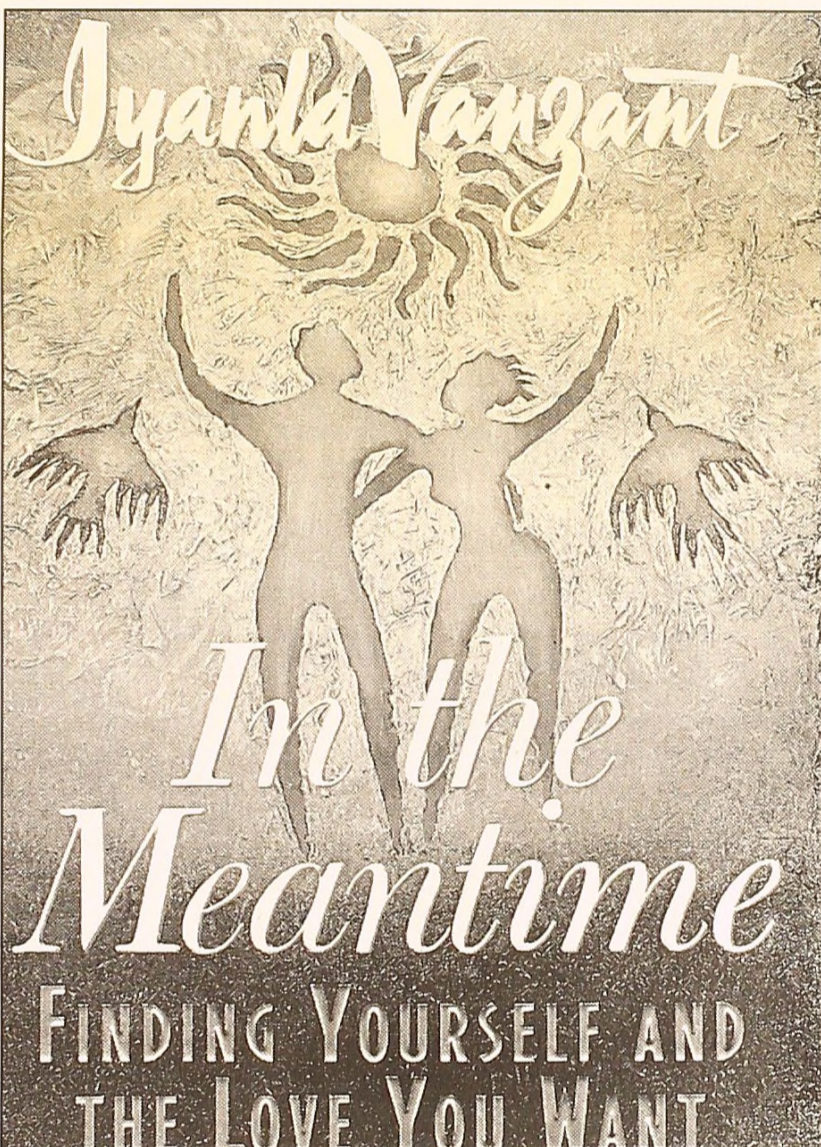
She is the author of *Tapping the Power With, Acts of Faith* (the 1994 BlackBoard Book of the Year), *The Value in the Valley* (the 1995 BlackBoard choice), *Faith in the Valley* (the 1996 Blackboard choice) and two new guides to self-awareness and spiritual fulfillment, *One Day My Soul Just Opened Up* and *In the Meantime: Finding Yourself and the Love You Want*.

The mother of three and grandmother of four, Vanzant lives in Silver Springs, Md., with her husband, Adeyemi, and her cat, Mr. Coco.

haps she can echo the words of Gemma Vanzant, the daughter of the author and the writer of the following poem: *One day, my soul just opened up and out poured all the things I'd been hiding and denying and living through that had just happened*

moments before. One day, my soul just opened up and I decided I was good and ready! I was good and ready to surrender my life to God.

The book is published by Simon & Schuster as a Fireside Paperback Original.



Guide provided for finding love

By Joan Dyer

Every living being wants to experience the light of love, but the problem is that our windows are dirty!

Author Iyanla Vanzant uses homey analogies throughout her book, *In the Meantime: Finding Yourself and the Love You Want*, to illustrate her points.

She starts in the basement of life where we are first programmed and indoctrinated about worldly affairs and love affairs and then progresses to the "first floor" of life's house where we live with knowledge that we need to heal, but we don't know just what or how. Then, Vanzant takes readers to the "second floor" where a deeper level of learning begins and up to the third floor where you are well on your way of discovering the truth about yourself and love -- a level where many people will continue to dwell. Some, she said, will continue to the attic, a quiet and serene place which is the haven of unconditional love. Throughout life, people will slip down to lower levels and rise to greater heights as choices are made and challenges are met.



Iyanla Vanzant

"Love is an inner, personal experience of total well being," Vanzant writes. "Finding love and maintaining our dignity is something we often struggle to do in our relationships. The experience of the struggle is called 'the meantime.' It is the work we are called to do on ourselves that makes the 'meantime' so challenging."

In the Meantime is filled with uplifting examples of ordinary men and women who were let down, lied to, cheated on or rejected by their lovers --

and seized the experience as an opportunity to change and grow. Combining sage insights from these stories with practical advice, memorable motivators and easy-to-follow exercises, the author presents a powerful process for self-awareness and transformation.

The author uses the help of "abrasive cleaners" -- willingness, truth, responsibility, surrender, forgiveness, acceptance, service, support and honor -- to assist readers who are stuck in the "meantime" to rid themselves of stains and clutter.

Vanzant believes the mistake made by most individuals when it comes to relationships is focusing on finding the perfect "other" than concentrating on cultivating the perfection in ourselves.

The book will guide readers to find their center (true self), move forward with self-assurance, know what to give up for the fight for love and to ask for what they need and want in a relationship.

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40th annual Detroit Boat Show docking soon

The Detroit Boat Show, sponsored by the Michigan Boating Industries Association (MBIA), celebrates its 40th anniversary when the show docks at Cobo Center, Jan. 31 through Feb. 8, 1998.

The show features more than 300 boat dealers and marine businesses for the premier showing of boats for the 1998 model year. More than 1000 boats of all types and sizes with the latest engineering, design, materials and colors will be on display. More than 100 manufacturers will be represented with sleek racing yachts, personal water craft, cabin cruisers, runabouts, pontoons, inflatables, fishing boats, paddle boats and bow riders.

Special attractions include a live shark show, featuring a 9,000 gallon saltwater tank, divers and huge circling sharks; sports celebrities; antique and classic boat exhibit; and contests and giveaways.

The Squalus Live Shark Show, the world's only traveling live shark show, is back by popular demand, featuring lemon and nurse sharks. A diver gets in the tank and cautiously swims with the sharks as the show director discusses shark facts and fiction.

As the Titanic is resurrected in the theaters, the 1998 Detroit Boat Show also is taking a nautical look at history. It is show casing antique boats that have survived the test of time, including a 90-year old

Truscott Launch, built five years before the Titanic.

Eight water craft, including a 26-foot Gold Cup Racer named Miss Crude, will be showcased at the Antique & Classic boat display. The Michigan chapter of the Antique & Classic Boat Society (ACBS) hosts an outstanding array of antique boats restored to "like-new" condition.

The MBIA is once again kicking off this year's Detroit Boat Show by giving back to the community with a Charity Launch from 6 to 9:30 p.m. Jan. 30 at Cobo Center.

The Charity Launch will give boating enthusiasts a sneak preview of one of the top consumer shows in the country and the latest boating innova-

tions before the show opens to the public on Jan. 31. Proceeds from the event will benefit three local charities: Light-house of Oakland County, Turning Point, Inc. in Macomb County and Vista Maria in Wayne County.

The honorary chairpersons supporting the annual Charity Launch include: Gov. and Mrs. John Engler, Secretary of State Candice Miller, and Detroit Mayor Dennis Archer.

Last year's event raised more than \$46,000 for Light-house of Oakland County and Vista Maria in Wayne County. Turning Point was recently announced as the third charity recipient for the 1998 Charity Launch.

The second annual Detroit

Boat Show Charity Launch is sponsored by the MBIA and GM Powertrain, and organized by charity representatives and community volunteers.

Benefactor and Patron tickets to the Charity Launch are \$150 and \$100 per person respectively. For more information please call the MBIA at 1-800-932-2628, or to order tickets call (248) 253-3717.

The Detroit Boat Show will be open to the public 3 to 10 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, noon to 10 p.m. Saturdays and Wednesdays, and noon to 8 p.m. on Sundays. Parking is available at Cobo Center and surrounding lots. For more information, please call the MBIA at 1-800-224-3008.

'Stomp' returns to Fisher Theatre for 2 weeks

Stomp, the international percussion sensation, makes a triumphant return to the Fisher Theatre for two weeks only, Feb. 24 through March 8.

After playing to sell-out crowds last season, *Stomp* continues its phenomenal runs with two concurrent national

tours, covering over 50 cities on the road, as well as the New York Company at the Orpheum Theatre. *Stomp's* international engagements have included Korea, Brazil, Chile and the Acropolis in Athens, Greece. *Stomp* has been an overwhelming success marked by rave re-

views, numerous awards, a celebrated appearance on the 1996 Oscar telecast, an Academy Award nomination for the short film *Brooms* by *Stomp* co-creators/directors Luke Cresswell and Steve McNichols, TV appearances ranging from *Roseanne* to *Mis-*

ter Rogers' Neighborhood, three North American tours, and a series of award-winning national commercials.

The young performers "make a rhythm out of anything we can get our hands on that makes a sound," says

Cresswell.

Tickets for *Stomp* are on sale now at all Tickmaster outlets and the Fisher Theatre box office. To charge by phone (248) 645-6666. For groups of 20 or more (313) 871-1132. For more information, (313) 872-1000.

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CITY OF WESTLAND
NOTICE OF PUBLIC AUCTION

On Tuesday, January 13, 1998, the Westland Police Dept. will conduct Public Auctions of impounded, abandoned vehicles. The first auction will begin promptly at 10:00 a.m. at Westland Service Towing, 37501 Cherry Hill, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

YEAR	MAKE	BODY STYLE	COLOR	V.I.N.
85	CHEV	ST WAG CAVALIER	SILVER	1G1JD35P3F7113126
90	CHEV	VAN	WHT/PINK	1GBEG25K6L7127830
86	FORD	4 DR TEMPO	GRAY	2FABP22X0GB134936
84	MERC	4 DR GR MARQUIS	GRAY	2MEBP95F3EX613923
86	FORD	2 DR TEMPO	BLUE	1FABP20X0GK247794

The second auction will begin promptly at 11:00 am at Westland Car Care, 6375 Hix Road, Westland, MI, County of Wayne, where the following vehicles will be offered for sale to the highest bidder:

85	MERC	4 DR. GR MARQUIS	BLUE	2MEBP95FXFX679080
83	MERC	2 DOOR	GRAY	1MEBP5546DW646271
89	ISUZU	2 DR	BLUE/GRAY	1ABRT2179K7400772
88	PONT	4 DR GRAND AM	BLUE	1G2NE54U2JC667402
88	BUICK	2 DR	BLUE	1G4JS11K8JK428159
78	MERC	4 DR GR MARQUIS	BLUE	8Z66S612802
86	OLDS	4 DR DELTA	CREAM	1G3HY6931GW387547
93	EAGLE	4 DR VISION	BURNED	2E3ED66F8PH556663
86	BUICK	2 DR SKYHAWK	BLUE	1G4JS2700GK483287
86	DODGE	2 DR CARAVAN	BLUE	2B4FK41G4GR721278
84	FORD	2 DR MUSTANG	BLACK	1FABP28MXEF222269

All vehicles are sold in "as is" condition. Bidding on all vehicles will start at the amount due for towing and storage. Vehicles may be deleted from this list at any time prior to the start of the auction.

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CITY OF WESTLAND
INVITATION TO BID

Sealed bids will be received by the City of Westland Purchasing Division, 36601 Ford Road, Westland, Michigan 48185, on or before Thursday, January 15, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. (no exceptions) for the following:
WATER METER TEST BENCH
Complete specifications and pertinent information may be obtained from the Purchasing Office. The City of Westland reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Jill B. Runkle
Purchasing Agent
City of Westland

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Bid Item No. 592-010898

City of Romulus
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
and
PROPOSED PROGRAM STATEMENT
1998-1999 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK
GRANT PROGRAM

A Public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, January 27, 1998 at 6:30 p.m. in the City Council Chambers of the Municipal Building, 11111 Wayne Road, for the purpose of:

RECEIVING PROPOSALS, COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS REGARDING FUNDING FOR THE 1998/1999 COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT BLOCK GRANT (CDBG) PROGRAM. THESE PROPOSALS MUST IDENTIFY AND BENEFIT COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT OR HOUSING NEEDS OF LOW AND MODERATE INCOME RESIDENTS.

The total estimated CDBG "Annual Allocation" will be \$150,000 to \$155,000. There is currently no "Program Income" generated from repayment of liens under the Housing Rehabilitation Program. The City of Romulus will also competitively apply for additional funding (\$30,000. to \$50,000.) to continue its "Housing Rehabilitation" program.

At this time, subject to the Public Hearing process, the proposed projects for 1998-1999 Wayne County CDBG funds are:

Cory School Tutoring Program, Romulus Community School District	\$20,000.00
Wayne-Metro Community Services Home Chore Service city-wide	\$20,000.00
City of Romulus Housing Services staff salary	\$21,700.00
Rehabilitation Additional Allocation city wide	\$55,000.00
Historic Home Rehabilitation, Hunt St.	\$21,000.00
Approximate Allocation	\$137,700.00
Administration(10%)	15,300.00
TOTAL	\$153,000.00

All interested parties, organizations, agencies or individuals are invited to submit a "Request for Funding" or comment on the Proposed projects at, or prior to, the Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 27, 1998 at 6:30 p.m. Further information is available by contacting the Planning and Community Development Department, City of Romulus, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, MI 48174- (734) 942-7545.

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Lions, Spartans both underachieve this season

For any Detroit Lion or Michigan State Spartan fan, this has been one very tough season to watch.
The teams are both, in a way, very similar.
To begin with, both teams have outstanding talent and coaching.
However, both teams are consistent in the fact that, even with all that talent and coaching, they have grossly under-achieved. Take a look at their overall records this year, they are both painfully disappointing.

Both teams are, also, consistent in finding ways to beat themselves. Each team this year gave away at least two games. Games in which neither team had any business losing. Inevitably, they would make some unbelievably boneheaded play, or plays, which would cost them the game.

On the sideline
By Don Richter



Lion fans, remember the Miami game. Spartan fans, remember the Purdue debacle. Games to forget, indeed.
However, the most striking similarity between the two teams is at the quarterback spot.
The Spartans' Todd Schultz could be the little brother of Scott Mitchell of the Lions.
First off, both of them run as if they are wearing cement-shoes. Neither of them will ever have to worry about being compared to Steve Young of the 49er's.
Next, they are both woefully inaccurate as passers. One minute, they can thread a needle with their throws, while the next, they can't seem to find their receivers.
How many times a game this season have you seen Mitchell or Schultz throw the ball at a wide-open teammate's shoes, or rifle it 10 feet over their head. You just can't win with that type of inconsistency at the quarterback spot.
They both, also, seem to choke in pressure situations. Besides the incredible win at Minnesota a few weeks back, Mitchell rarely has come through in tight, need-to-win situations. The same can be said for Schultz.
No matter how much overall talent on a team, if your quarterback is inconsistent and mistake-prone in his play, your team's chances of winning big are slim-to-none.
Football is a team game but, out of all the positions on the field, the quarterback is the one that can least afford to make mistakes.
Let's hope that the Lions and Spartans both can remedy the problem at the quarterback spot and play to their full potential in seasons to come.
Their loyal fans deserve that.

Both teams are, also, constant in finding ways to beat themselves. Each team this year gave away at least two games.

Person of Year nominations sought for 1998

Residents of Wayne, Westland, Canton, Inkster, Romulus and Belleville are invited to submit the names of individuals for consideration in the naming of Michigan Community Newspapers' 1998 Person of the Year.

The individuals nominated could be leaders in the community, school or church volunteers, community activists, club or organization workers or any person whose contributions to Western Wayne County and its residents has been praiseworthy. The nominees could be named for his or her recent accomplishments or for their lifetime efforts.

Among the previous honorees are the late Senator William Faust, the late Joseph Benyo of Westland, former state representative James Kosteva of Canton and State Senator Loren Bennett of Canton. Bennett was named 1997 Person of the Year and Stephanie Smith, the 8-year-old from Belleville who has fought a courageous battle against an autoimmune disease, was named 1997 Young Person of the Year.

A letter, outlining the accomplishments of the nominee and giving a brief biography, should be sent to Person of the Year, Michigan Community Newspapers, 35540 Michigan Ave., Wayne, Mich. 48184 before Jan. 31, 1998.

Companies receive help for area code change

Ameritech is helping area businesses prepare for the new 734 area code by sending out free information kits.
"Revising printed materials, reprogramming telephone equipment, and notifying customers are just a few of the ways businesses can prepare for the new area code," said Helen Ranney, Ameritech external relations director. "The optional dialing period - when the 313 and 734 codes both work -- begins Dec. 13," Ranney said. "So it isn't too early for businesses to start planning."

Telephones in Western Wayne County, Washtenaw County and Monroe County will receive the 734 area code. Greater Detroit will retain the 313 area code. This area includes Hamtramck, Highland Park, Dearborn, Dearborn Heights, the city of Detroit, Redford, Lincoln Park, Ecorse, River Rouge, Harper Woods and the Grosse Pointes.

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Notice is hereby given that the Romulus City Council will hold a Public Hearing on Monday, January 26, 1998 at 6:00 p.m. Prevailing Eastern Time, in the Romulus City Hall Council Chambers, 11111 Wayne Road, Romulus, Michigan 48174-1485, for the purpose of hearing objections to demolition and/or removal of debris on the herein described properties:

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A Special School Election has been called to be held in said School District on the 17th day of February, 1998, for the purpose of voting on the following proposition:

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Shall the Wayne-Westland Community Schools, Wayne County, Michigan, borrow the sum of not to exceed One Hundred Eight Million Three Hundred Thousand and 00/100 Dollars (\$108,300,000.00) and issue its general obligation unlimited tax bonds therefor, for the purpose of paying for the cost of the following:

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(Pursuant to State law, expenditure of bond proceeds must be audited, and the proceeds cannot be used for repair or maintenance costs, teacher, administrator or employee salaries, or other operating expenses.)

YES _____
NO _____

THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Tuesday, the 20th day of January, 1998 up to 5:00 o'clock p.m., Local Time, is the last day on which unregistered persons may register in order to be eligible to vote at said election. Application for registration should be made to the clerk of the city in which the voter resides. Persons desiring to register must ascertain when the respective clerks' offices will be open for receiving registrations in addition to 8:00 o'clock p.m., on Tuesday, January 20, 1998.

Martha Pitsanbarger
Secretary of Board of Education

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January 15, 1998

Seniors on the go

Retirees don't fit same pattern

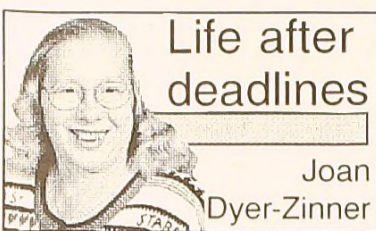
A few years ago it was easy to put a label on a retiree. The individual was almost always 65 years of age and a long-time employee of one company -- sometimes the same firm since he or she graduated from high school or college.

A few people retired early -- usually those who were independently wealthy or else too ill to continue to work -- but the vast majority of workers kept their noses to the grindstone until the day they received their gold watch. Then, they just seemed to fade away from the main stream.

Not so any more! Company buy-outs have placed many teachers as well as office managers and factory workers in "premature retirement." Many of the early retirees are in their late 40s, 50s or early 60s when they hang up their hats or throw the switch on their computers for the last time.

Thus, today we seem to have two kinds of retirees -- the traditional retirees, who have labored for most of their adult lives and have waited until the magic 65 to leave their place of employment and the "re-cyclees," who seek new careers and challenges after their early retirement.

There seems to be more of the latter. In fact, many of my friends are busier as re-cyclees than they were in the work force. When I talk to them about their retirement,



Life after deadlines

Joan Dyer-Zinner

one of their favorite lines is "I don't know how I ever had time for work."

One of the reasons for the hard-working re-cyclees is the strong work ethic that was prevalent in their backgrounds. The work ethic is like a virus -- some people catch it and quickly shake it off, while others are infected with it for a lifetime. For them, they aren't living unless they are busy with some endeavor or other.

This may not be a problem in the future since it seems that the work ethic virus has weakened during the past few years and appears to be easier to shake off today than it was a decade or two ago.

While some of my contemporaries golf and sail during the summer and winter in Florida or Arizona, many others juggle several part-time jobs or return to their old surroundings as consultants.

One of the busiest men I know performs karaoke in local clubs and is a sought-after "extra hand" by several employers. Add in the many hours of volunteer work that he does and I imagine that he's busier as a re-cyclee than he

was as a full-time employee.

Typical of re-cyclees is a woman who serves with me on the YWCA Board of Directors. Recently, she checked her filled appointment book to see whether she could squeeze in a special meeting. Luckily, the re-cyclee, who donates many hours to the work of the YWCA, found a spare hour or two that were not taken up with activities, and she can attend the meeting. Interestingly, it was more difficult for her to find spare time than for several of the board members women who are employed full-time.

Right now I'm in limbo between retiree and re-cyclee. I resigned a demanding post to spend more time with my family, but, as evidenced here, I am writing a column and also working one day a week performing some of my former duties. So far, I've resisted the siren call of several volunteer opportunities and the beckoning of a former employer.

I'm enjoying a slower pace for now, but I admit I'm itching for re-cycling. I'm one of those who is permanently infected with the work ethic virus and it looks as if there's no cure in sight.

Editor's note: Joan Dyer-Zinner recently resigned as MCN managing editor and will reflect on her "life after deadlines" in future columns.

Services offered by The Senior Alliance

The following services are available through the Senior Alliance (Area Agency on Aging 1-C) for people 60 and over who reside in Southern and Western Wayne County:

- Chore Services, such as household maintenance, leaf raking and snow removal. Call 843-2550 or for Inkster, 277-5915/561-2383.
- Health Screening. Contact the Medical Team 800-305-0533.
- Hearing Impaired Services. Call 341-1353.
- Home Delivered Meals for homebound seniors. Call 326-4400 or 1-800-851-1454.
- Homemaker, Personal Care provides assistance with laundry, ironing, meal preparation, making beds, dusting and other light housework. Also personal care such as bathing, grooming and ambulation. Contact the Senior Alliance at 1-800-815-1112 or 722-2830.

Free blood pressure testing for senior citizens is done at Maplewood community Center (Maplewood, west of Merriam) every Wednesday at 10:30 a.m.

Counseling and assistance for clients with issues or questions about Medicare/Medicaid forms and benefits are available on the first Tuesday of each month in the lobby

of Garden City Hospital, 6245 Inkster Road, between noon and 2 p.m.

Senior shuttle bus is available from 8:45 a.m. to 4 p.m. weekdays to transport Canton seniors from the park bus stop to the senior center in the Summit on the Park.

Seniors in Canton will be seeing *Riverdance* in March. A trip to the Garland Resort in Lewistown, Mich. is planned on Jan. 22-23.

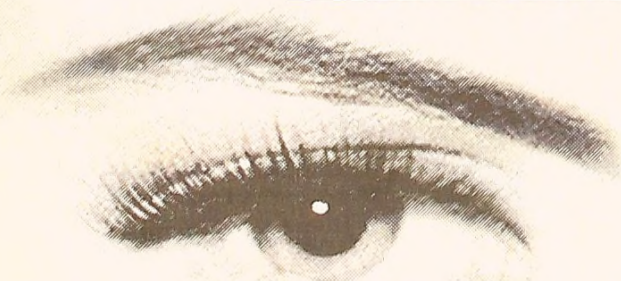
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TODAY'S ALTERNATIVE FOR BETTER VISION

Growthworks reconsidered as a necessary evil

Canton is lucky to have Public Safety Director John Santamauro, though you wouldn't know it from a previous column I wrote knocking him for joining forces with Growthworks, a Plymouth social agency.



Ivan Helfman

Growthworks gives me the creeps because it looks upon 16,000 Canton children as potentially "at-risk." And because it stands to profit financially from convincing us that we're ding-a-lings as parents.

In a less paranoid view, Canton's 16,000 children are not damaged merchandise. America's middle class suburbs do not produce 99 percent mutant kids through misguided child rearing practices. It hasn't come to that. In reality, Canton's 16,000 children will become the backbone of a great nation.

After talking with Santamauro, it turns out that my ignorance of the laws of the bureaucratic jungle led me astray and caused me to mistake the bureaucracy's words for the public safety director's.

"I don't believe the government is responsible for raising kids," he said. "Parents are."

I believe this despite what Santamauro said on behalf of the Canton Youth Initiative — a 12-year-old partnership between the township police department, Growthworks, Plymouth-Canton schools, the business community, and a smattering of area residents — that Canton's 16,000 kids are "potentially at risk."

"This was a bad choice of words," he said. The words were a bad last minute choice. All the director wanted to do was come up with a phrase to identify the bulk of the township's average kids, the ones who are neither in trouble nor participating in sports, band, or other organized activities.

I was at fault for not catching up with him earlier and hearing him out.

When I caught up with him this week, I learned that the police department's rela-

tionship with Growthworks is complicated.

Despite the surface agreements, the department and the social agency often disagree in private. Turns out that police officers have a process to settle disputes with social workers.

I gave a different picture in a previous column when I reported that at least one officer was privately unhappy with a Growthworks social worker's New Age notions about children's right to be protected from traditional parents' discipline by superior social workers.

While the story was true, the need for privacy wasn't. Santamauro informs me that Canton's officers are free to speak and that there was no need for secrecy.

He's right. The anonymity was my suggestion, not the officer that I interviewed off the record. I have never been frivolously denied any information from any Canton police officer, though I have been rightfully denied information that could screw up on-going criminal investigations.

Canton officers can freely criticize social workers and the department supports officers with legitimate grievances.

But what really hit home is why the department works with Growthworks.

"It was forced on us," said Santamauro.

The alternative was for the township to work with the Wayne County Circuit Court system. The partnership with Growthworks enables the community to deal with delinquent juveniles locally. Swamped with violent offenders, the Wayne County Courts couldn't deal with Canton's minor league offenders. Canton officers were getting their wrists slapped while the courts dealt with drive-by shootings and rapes.

If this is the best that the township can get, then maybe Santamauro is right when he defends the Growthworks partnership as necessary. What I call a necessary evil.

Candidates' clinic really needed

Bring on 1998 — and the opening of the doors (and windows) that hopefully will give us a glimpse of what the turn of the century will look like.

In Romulus — residents feel they gave Mayor William Oakley much of what he asked for in last year's election, but not a blank check.

He was given a four-year term as requested with the promise that it would help stabilize and strengthen the city's administration by allowing Oakley and future mayor's to hire strong department heads and permit them to take some unpopular stances and actions without feeling the sting of public wrath.

Oakley admitted the first week of December (the usual time for department head changes) that he anticipated no switches at this time.

The only pronounced change recorded since the election has been the major upgrading of elected officials' salaries.

That pay scale change was attacked politically by Oakley's opponents, but the blasting was pretty much limited to the hike in council members' salaries. No one condemned the salary raises for mayor, city clerk or treasurer, since most were far behind similar office holders in other communities.

However, payhike opponents on the council to date also refuse alternative uses for their pay increases.

Community activists also will be searching out Romulus city pension programs — to see how they compare with those in Westland and Taylor. Residents in those communities have spoken out on what they consider to be overly generous pensions, particularly for part time employees.

Concerned city residents also are hoping that Oakley and/or his department heads will now feel more in command and thus able to speak out strongly on city issues.

All realize that Oakley has claimed for decades that public speaking is not his strength, but that should not block him from



Post Scripts Al Post

stating his administration's plans in print.

Most accept the fact that Romulus will grow immensely in the next four years, but they would like to be kept abreast of these planned changes long before they go into effect.

They also would like to see a wider variety of citizens invited to join city commissions, etc.

Many in the community would have liked to have been informed that a Planning Commission opening was to be filled before Department of Public Works Director David Paul was named to fill the post formerly filled by current Councilman Donald Morris.

The more outspoken agree with Councilwoman Deborah Romak that Oakley already gets Paul's views in his role as department head and thus obtains little other feedback through the appointment.

This writer agrees with Romak on that issue, since wider community views are critical to proper city growth through 2001. This is not to be critical of Paul, who has a positive image with most in the community, but with the need to get more new residents with professional backgrounds involved in determining Romulus' future.

The city is in critical need of Welcome Wagon and League of Women's Voters style organizations, so that new residents can be properly introduced to the city and a hopefully non-biased political unit can help residents understand public issues that come up from time to time on the ballot.

A third effort — a candidates' clinic — should also be conducted each February or March, so that those residents who are considering the possibility of running for school district or city offices could be offered a low cost class in the thrills and pitfalls of serving their community.

With two school board members stepping down in June and another one in June 1999, this would be a perfect time to create such a class.

Other cities in the *Michigan Community Newspapers* circulation area would be wise to consider the same three options.

Oh yes — a belated Happy New Year.



THE WEEKS AFTER CHRISTMAS....

Letters to the editor

Group forms to oppose bond

To the editor:

We are pleased to announce the formation of a group of concerned parents and citizens of the Van Buren School district. We are a political action committee known as Parents and Citizens for Accountability in Education.

This committee, supported by private funds from citizens of his school district, will campaign against the upcoming "phase one" sinking fund proposal which will cost taxpayers over \$30,000,000. We believe passage of this proposal will serve to perpetuate the current method of budgeting, which does not allow for growth or sufficient upkeep of existing facilities.

It is unfortunate that the necessary changes can only be accommodated through "force" at the election polls. This is because a majority of our school board members are too weak to respond to district needs, and can only escape financial ruin through taxpayer bailouts.

The revenues of this district average nearly \$7,000 per student annually. Even reasonable attempts to save costs, such as dumping the wasteful MESSA health program in exchange for another provider with the same Blue Cross benefits, is rapidly ignored in the face of minor employee criticism.

We have members available to speak to your group about how voting "No" in the upcoming election is necessary to truly changing our educational system for the better. Please call board trustee

thus no choice.

Those of us who are not the prettiest and most popular do not need this demeaning procedures.

It was wrong 40 years ago and it's still wrong. I can't believe they are still doing this with all the discussion of self-esteem in young people.

Mrs. Evan Milano
Canton

One district rewards with bonus

To the editor:

Not only do most school systems show their appreciation for their teachers' hard work, but Ypsilanti is even giving a bonus!

How can you justify withholding a contract from our teachers for four years? How can you justify paying a superintendent, of a school system of less than 5,000 students, more than the governor of our state? How can you justify paying some administrators more than some of the area's superintendents, when you're not even willing to give the teachers a raise that equals the rise in the cost of living?

A lot of students come from either two income earning families, or one provider with two jobs. That means many students see more of their teachers in a day than their parents. Teachers are the backbone of education. In some respects, they are our "extended families." They deserve a fair contact. Don't make them, nor their families, wait any longer.

Merry Christmas
A concerned parent

Editor's note: This letter was sent to the Romulus Board of Education

Feminists must quit celebrating 'foreign socialist'

To the editor:

Winnie Mandela maintains that she and her football gang were not responsible for any of the many beatings and murders in the Soweto township during the 1980s. Earlier, Winnie Mandela was convicted and sentenced for the beatings of four youths.

Members of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission expected Mandela to come clean after her conviction, admit to a few beatings and a reign of terror at least. Witness after witness have testified that Mandela and her Mandela United Football Club entourage beat and terrorized blacks for years, killing some. Maybe we should ask Nelson Mandela who fled Winnie as though she had the plague about her miscreant behavior.

Feminists in the United States recently regaled and honored Winnie Mandela at several venues. The collectivism behavior of the Yards and the Irelands has been disgusting enough without the leftist feminists applauding a foreign socialist.

Neil Goodbred
Livonia

Halt humiliation in gym classes

To the editor:

I read a letter in the paper from a 12 year old who was unhappy to be always chosen last for sports in gym class. This practice causes low self-esteem and depression. Why are kids allowed to pick and discard other kids?

This labeling of students should not be done. I still remember being chosen last in dance class in school. I felt humiliated.

The feeling carries over into adulthood, as I well know.

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Chairman announces new direction for campus

Chairman of the Wayne County Community College District Board of Trustees, Ted Scott of Westland, believes the college's Western Campus can guide residents and graduating students into successful careers for the 21st Century.

Scott cites the recent statistics from the federal and state governments that indicate additional training beyond high school is essential for the job market in the new millennium.

"Education doesn't have to be a four-year degree, it can be a trade," Scott said. He added that he is a firm believer that people should do what is enjoyable to them.

One example he referred to include the demand that exists in the truck driving industry as well as mechanical maintenance career.



Ted Scott

"Each year in Southeast Michigan, 234 jobs are available in the heavy

Wayne County Community College District opens doors to opportunity to get into higher paying jobs.

- Ted Scott

equipment industry," Scott said.

Scott, a retired Westland

fire chief, and a current director for Wayne County, he understands the need for flexibility in education. He received a scholarship from Ohio University (Athens) upon graduating from high school. After a year, Scott decided it wasn't the right time for him. He left school to join the Army.

After his service to his country, Scott headed back to school. He attended Wayne County Community College before transferring to Madonna College where he received a bachelor's degree in social science.

Scott's daughter Linda is also a graduate of WCCCD.

"Wayne County Community College District opens doors to opportunity to get into higher paying jobs," Scott said.

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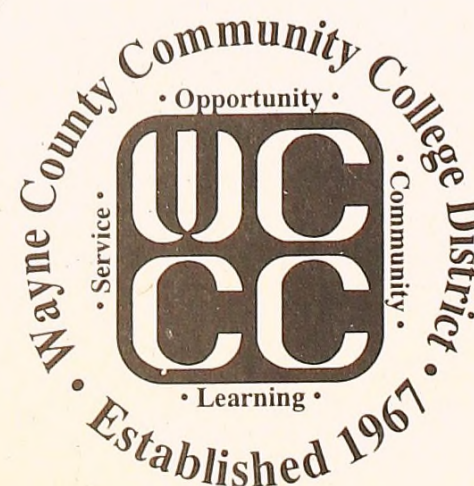
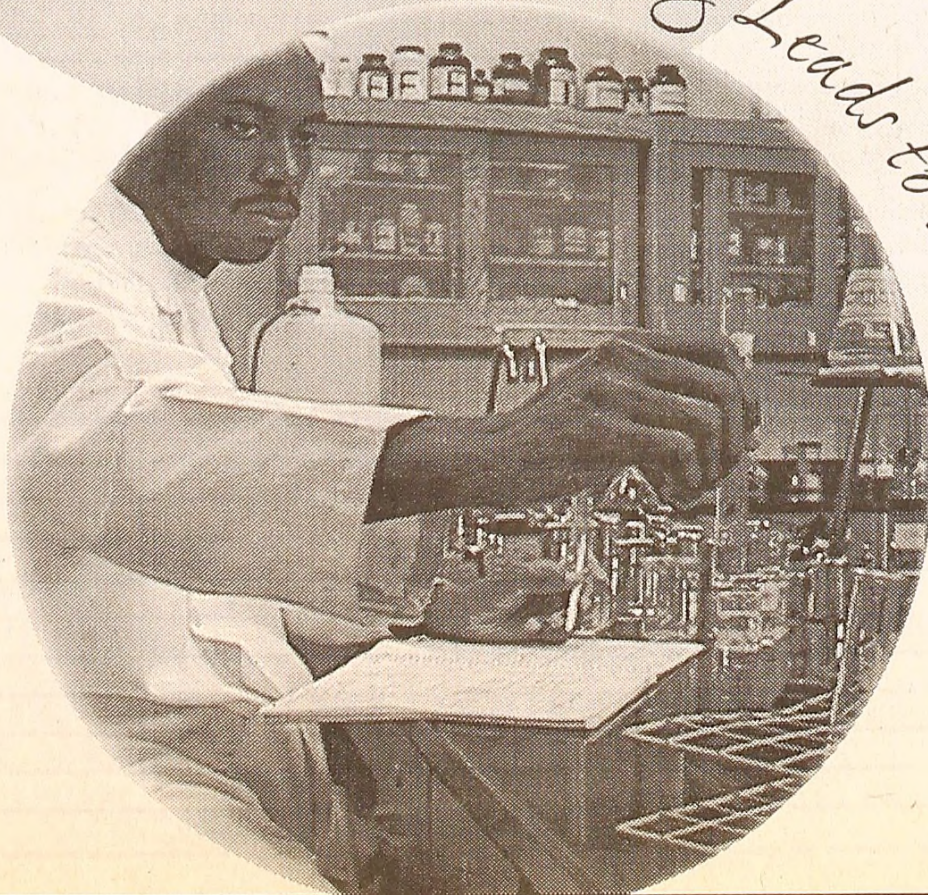
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Church News

Following several family themes strongly projected by Detroit Cardinal Adam Maida, new Romulus priest Father Rick Thomson revealed he will stress physical and spiritual support programs for children, senior citizens and "others who are the most vulnerable in today's society."

While Father Rick spends many daytime hours working in Detroit, he has been assigned duties as the new pastor of St. Aloysius Roman Catholic Church of Romulus. During a brief New Years Eve interview interrupted by an emergency at St. Aloysius School Building, Father Rick expressed great pleasure with the strong welcome he has received from the church's congregation. "I'm also blessed with a wonderful staff both at the church and school."

Pressures in today's world make the real dilemma for church members "just surviving," Father Rick said, and thus he believes strongly in putting together a strong lay leadership group.

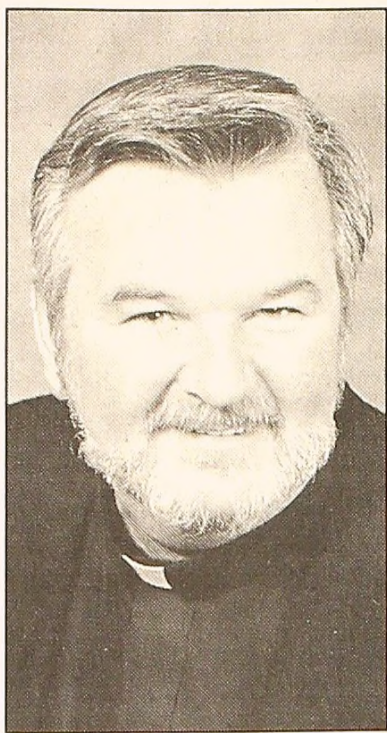
Father Rick, who arrived in Romulus a little over two months ago, is now putting together a leadership team that he plans to use as a guide to complete some of his objectives listed above.

Like Maida, Father Rick is a strong proponent of "life" and thus savors saving young lives by offering strong alternatives to abortion and extending the love concept throughout life -- thus alleviating the need for assisted suicides for older adults.

Father Rick said he is deeply concerned about assaults on the most innocent in our society (particularly our children) by those stressing pornographic and materialistic themes.

Thus one of St. Aloysius Church's key early efforts will be centered on working to strengthen local families, which in turn will strengthen the church itself many times over, he said.

Born in New York City, Fa-



Father Rick Thomson

ther Rick arrived in Romulus on Nov. 17, and soon after asked his parishioners to determine "where does the church and parish life play a role in my life and that of my family?"

Recently Maida announced a stepped up plan called "Project Life" that will offer area residents options to both abortion and assisted suicide.

Despite any future actions by the Michigan legislature, Maida said, the Catholic church considers assisted suicide (and abortions) immoral.

Community United Methodist Church members heard an appeal for financial help this past Sunday from Robert Sharrard, a representative from Michigan Interfaith Council on Alcohol Problems.

MICAP has been active in Lansing for the past 93 years, Sharrard said, and has helped stress the need for passage of a number of strict alcohol/driving laws that have helped cut the number of alcohol/drug related driving deaths in past years.

Sharrard is one of 36 part-

time speakers MICAP employs to raise the awareness of alcohol related problems across Michigan.

Pointing out the New Years traffic tragedy in which a drunken driver killed three lifelong friends in a single accident, Sharrard stressed the need for ever more toughening of Driving Under the Influence laws in the state.

MICAP currently also is fighting the opening of Detroit casinos next year and hopes to make Michigan smoke free by the year 2000.

Local pastor, Rev. Brad Lewis, reminded those in attendance that he is serving as a local contact for the effort to get a Detroit casino question back on the 1998 Michigan ballot.

Lewis said it is sad to report that some Michigan residents have a hard time paying the \$2 tunnel fee to return to the U.S. after gambling in the Windsor casinos.

An effort is being made at this time to gather 248,000 signatures of registered voters so that Michigan residents can consider the casino issue again this November, Lewis said.

MICAP's offices in Lansing are headed by the Rev. Allen Rice II, former pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Belleville. The phone number there is 1-800-745-3334.

Meanwhile Father George Charnley, pastor of St. John Neumann's Church in Canton, is urging his parish members to begin the new year by making the following goals:

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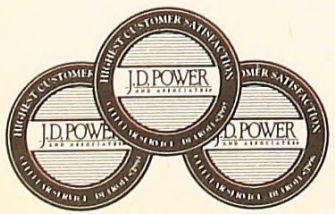
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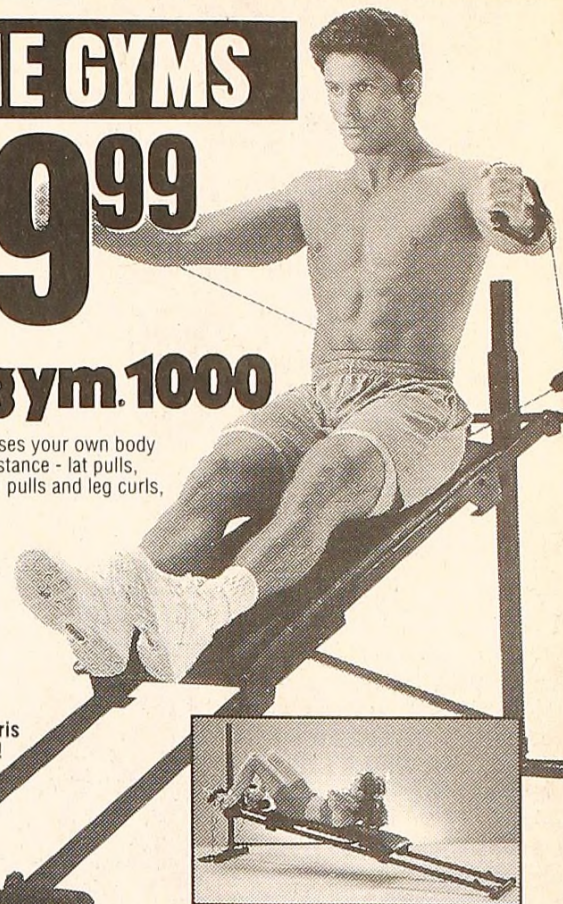
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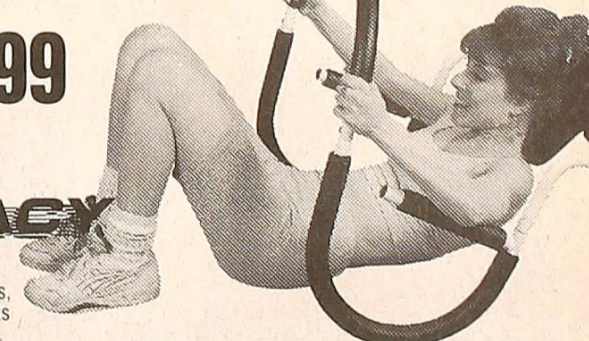
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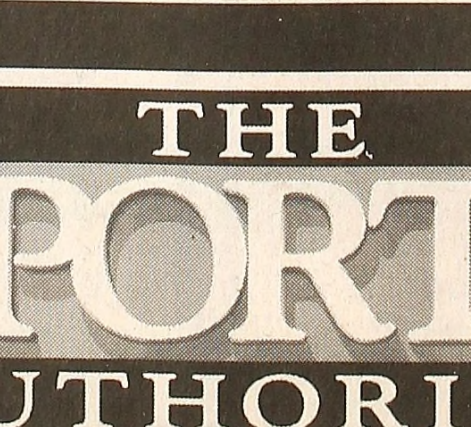
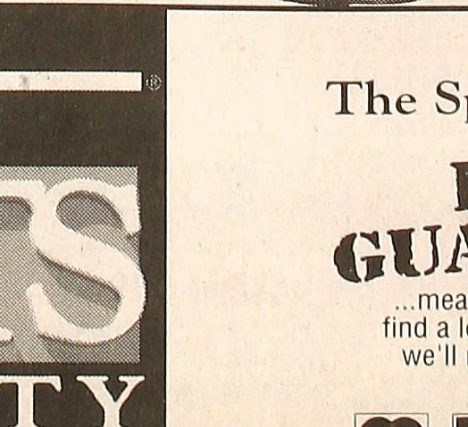
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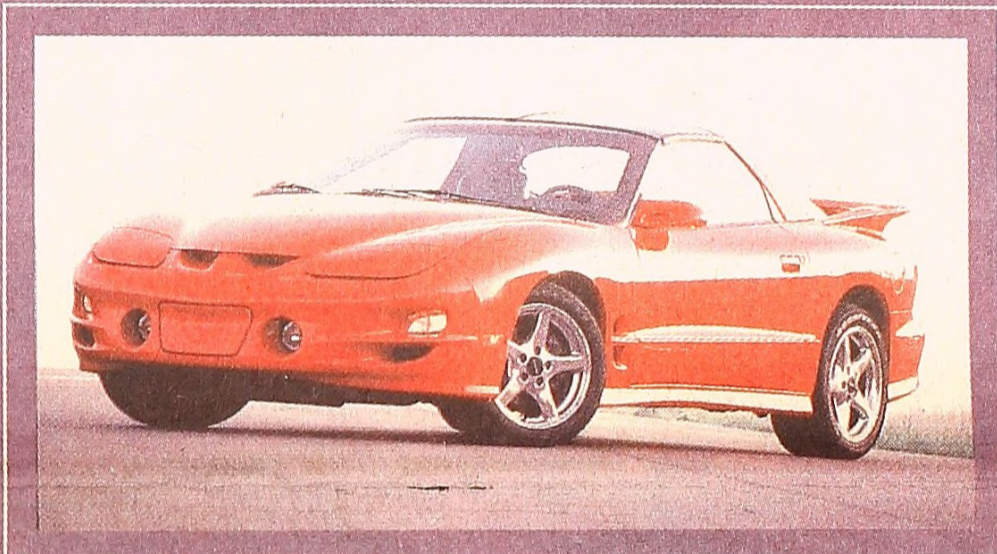
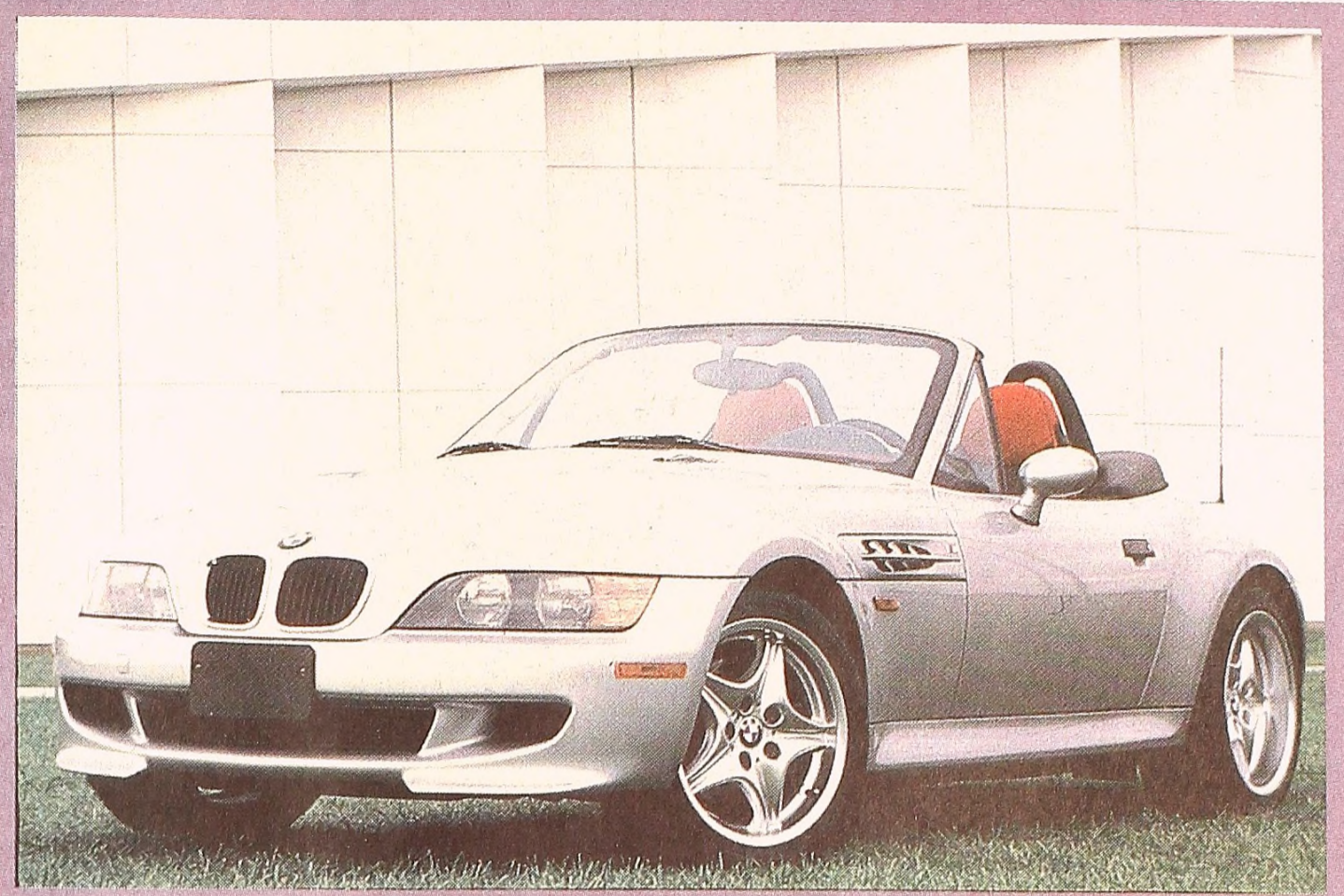
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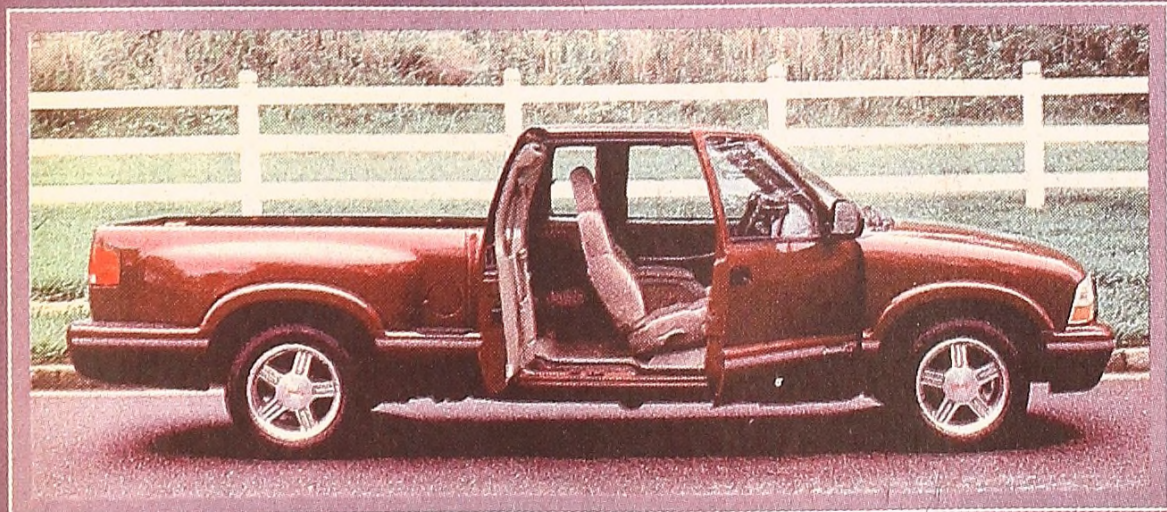
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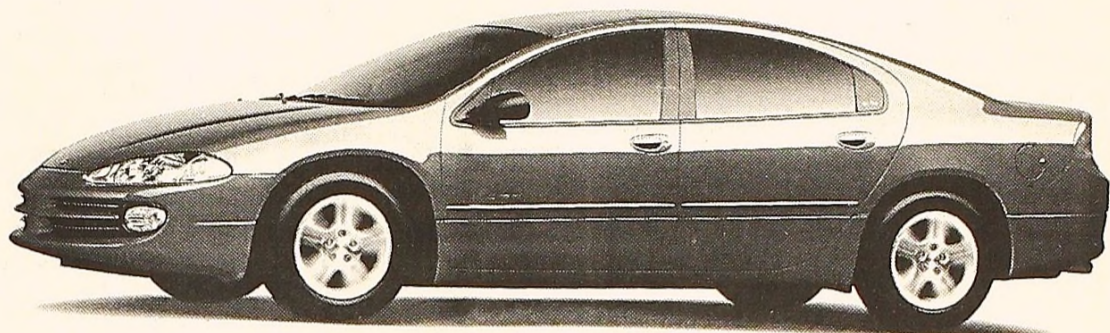


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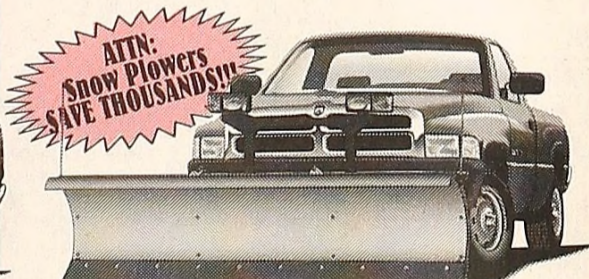
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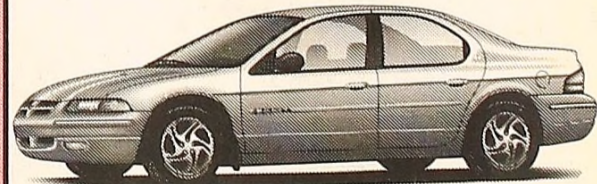


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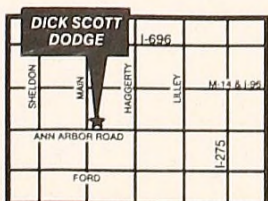
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Sports-utes are "hot" for '98

By KAREN STRONSKI
MCN Automotive Writer

There are so many sport utility vehicles on the market today that it's hard to figure out which one is right for you. It seems that these days sport utility vehicles are what's hot and the way of the future.

Mercedes came out with its own sport-ute for 1998, they call it the M-Class. This one is going to be really hot. Let's start, for example, with the engine: a completely new V-6 that's more powerful than many V-8's. Or the fact that each wheel is independently powered, so you can keep going even if three wheels lose traction.

Then there are safety features: 4-channel antilock brakes, and dual front and front door mounted side-impact airbags. There's also the four-wheel independent double wishbone suspension. The rack and pinion steering. The smooth ride. And would you believe that no other 4x4 in its class has all of these features? Or that it's the first 4x4 that drives like a Mercedes.

This M-Class sport utility vehicle is based priced at \$33,000. What more can you ask for? And it's a Benz!

Here's an after Christmas stocking stuffer for you. Forget the Range Rover, the Lincoln Navigator, and even the new Yukon Denali; they're all posers. GMC, Sony, and Nieman Marcus have teamed up to offer the ultimate luxury SUV. The Sony limited edition GMC Suburban. It's available just in time for new year and is a 1998 model which can be seen in the Nieman Marcus catalog (can you believe that one?)

Mechanically, the special

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Suburban is unchanged from any other on the road today. It still makes 255 horsepower from the 5.7 liter V-8 through a four-speed automatic transmission. But the lower body cladding, front spoiler with integrated foglights, running boards and 6-spoke wheels are exclusive to this whopping \$72,975 Sub.

Actually, it's a paltry sum considering the loads of high-tech Sony electronics crammed within the Suburban's leather and wood appointed interior.

Starting things off nicely is a 480 watt 8 speaker sound system, a 9-inch color television and 10 disc CD changer. Then there's four headrest-mounted video monitors, VCR, Play-Station video game player, and custom luggage, for any long trip that you may be taking.

Completing the package is GM's OnStar communication System, 10 video games 100 CD's and two coordinating leather jackets. If you would like one for the New Year you'd better plan on having a very profitable one. This price is hard to swallow and is geared towards the person that has everything!

Dodge's new Durango looks like such a natural part of the sport utility landscape it's hard to figure out why it wasn't

with us sooner. Dodge, what took you so long? With a vehicle like this one that has been growing in popularity, you could have made a lot of cash long ago.

On the paternal side, the Durango's tough-guy looks and under-the-skin beefiness come from the Dodge Ram and Dakota pickups. The maternal DNA is no less impressive with masterful interior packaging inherited from the Chrysler minivans.

Brimming with styling cues from the big-rig-inspired 1994 Dodge Ram pickup, the Dakota and now the Durango sport utility cut a striking pose. The ominous king-of-the-road cross-hair grille, muscular fender bulges and powerful looking domed hood have helped put Dodge on the radar screen of truck buyers. SUV intenders should be no different.

How does the new Durango fit into today's landscape? In my opinion, in keeping with Chrysler's philosophy of offering the largest, roomiest vehicles in their given size class, the Durango is larger than other SUV's such as the Ford Explorer and Chevy Blazer. Yet it's long enough to be available with an optional third seat, like the full-size Expedition. But because the Durango began life as a Dakota variant, it's considerably less bulky



1998 Mercedes Benz M-Class

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and heavy than a full-size SUV.

This sport-ute has the moves of a less-than-leviathan truck too, in the way it rides, steers, maneuvers, goes and stops. Which I think eases the

transition for buyers switching from cars to sport utilities.

The Durango will be available only as a four-door body style. Initially Chrysler will build nothing but four-wheel

drive models, powered by a choice of Magnum ohv V-8's a 230 horsepower 5.2 liter engine. And this baby is priced to sell. List will be \$28,945 and loaded \$32,350.



1998 Dodge Durango



1998 "Sony Limited Edition" GMC Suburban

New, redesigned autos make debut at Auto Show

By KAREN STRONSKI
MCN Automotive Writer

There are several all new, totally redesigned vehicles for 1998. One of them is the Cadillac Seville, it arrives on a version of the Oldsmobile Aurora platform, which is also used by the Riviera and Park Avenue. The car will be used to spearhead GM's drive to boost car sales in Europe. The StabilityTrak, stability-enhancement system will be available on all front-wheel drive Cadillacs. The system applies one of the front brakes to help control the cars you rate and prevent a skid or spin out.

The soft-top version of the fifth generation Corvette is finally on sale, which is odd, since it was developed before the coupe version, which has been on sale since July. All the Cavalier convertibles will be Z24 models instead of the LS models, so they will come with a 150-horsepower 2.4 liter twin cam engine standard. The base Cavalier's 2.2 liter engine is tweaked to produce five more pound-feet of torque.

The Camaro gets a face lift. It shows a new grille on its

front end. The hood and the fenders are new designs, and you can order the fancy body work of the SS hot rod model on a standard Z28. The engine available on the new Camaro is a version of the Corvette's aluminum LS1 V-8 making either 305 or 320 horsepower. The Prism sedan loses its Geo badge and is all new, it gets more horsepower and is lighter. The Lumina four-door and the Monte Carlo get stiffer front shock-absorbing valving.

Chevy Blazer gets a new instrument panel and grille, the Venture mini van now has a driver's side rear sliding door, available on short wheel base models, and side air bags. The Malibu, the S10, and Tracker are all carried over from last year with no major changes.

The Chrysler Concorde and the Dodge Intrepid are restyled in an aggressive round shape and maintain their cab forward profile and impressive interior packaging. They are powered by either a DOHC 2.7 liter V-6 or a SOHC 3.2 liter V-6 both with more power and better fuel economy. The new Durango sport-ute, based on the mama bear-sized Dakota

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pickup, arrived this fall, it's wheelbase is 10 inches longer than the Jeep Grand Cherokee's and it's designed to hold up to eight passengers, more than most minivans. It will get the 5.9 liter V-8 of the Cherokee but with five more horsepower.

The Ford Contour SVT sports sedan is now on sale with a 195 horsepower 2.5 liter V-6 that is up 25 hp from the standard Contour. Mustang GT gets a 10 hp increase to 225, and there's not going to be a new Probe until 1999. The Escort ZX2 was introduced last May as a 1998, and it comes

standard with the 130 hp 2.0 liter twin-cam four cylinder instead of the standard Escort's 110 hp 2.0. Crown Victoria gets a major face lift later in the '98 model year. An all new F-350 joins the F-series later in the year. The Explorer sport-ute has more precise steering for '98. Ranger compact pickup is redesigned, with a stronger frame. It also gets the Explorer's rack-and-pinion steering. The regular cab models offer more interior room, the dash panel is redesigned, and the five-speed automatic transmission from the Explorer is added to the Ranger. And the

Probe and Thunderbird are dead!

GMC has something good going, the big four-wheelers. Yukon and Suburban get a new standard four-wheel drive system. The Jimmy and the Sonoma Composite headlights and a larger grille opening, so you can tell them apart from the Chevy cousins more easily. Big red GMC logos replace the old-fashioned GMC-Truck logos on the tailgates. The Sierra can be optioned to run on either gas or compressed natural gas. The Safari and Savana are mostly unchanged.

The four cylinder G20 by Infiniti will make a return in the spring, with a longer wheelbase and a larger interior. The styling is evolutionary. A cell phone and GPS-based communication system is added to the Q45 and I30. The QX4 sport-ute carries over the J30 ceases production.

Jeep Grand Cherokee gets an even bigger V-8, a 5.9 liter rated at 245 hp. The four-speed automatic transmission is beefier. The interior is also redesigned.

Body styling on the Lincoln Continental is rounded front

and rear so that the corners don't protrude as far. The windshield was laid back a bit, and the hood and grille are all new. The trunk is larger, but the interior is slightly smaller. The restyled '98 Town Car is 3.6 inches shorter than the '97, and it comes with a new rear suspension and a little more power.

Pontiac worked wonders with its new Firebird, it gets a whole new face lift for '98. Trans Am is about two things, pavement eating performance and flashy styling. It also gets a new engine. An all aluminum 5.7 liter LS1 V-8, similar to the Vette's power plant. The WS6 Ram Air package is available on the new motor, raising output to 320 hp. The new Firebird is built on last year's platform, but it has new gas-charged shocks, so it rides and handles better. The front and rear styling is less bulky looking and over-all is 2.2 inches shorter than the '97.

The supercharged 240 hp Grand Prix now has traction control, and the base Sunfire 2.2 liter four cylinder gets a boost. And, expect a new Grand Am in early '98.

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Expedition challenges GM

Ford challenges General Motors this year in the full size sport-ute market with the Expedition, a new model based on the F-Series pickup truck. It comes only as a four door wagon, and is available in two and four-wheel drive.

At 204.6 inches overall, the Expedition is about five inches longer than the Tahoe and Yukon, 15 inches shorter than the Suburban, and about 16 inches longer than the Ford Explorer. Seats for six are standard on the XLT, and an optional third seat gives the Expedition seating for up to nine people, which competes with the Suburban.

Except for the grille, the Expedition's front styling is shared with the F-Series pickups. It has a swing-up lift gate with a window that opens separately. The overall look of this sport-ute is very sporty and has a personality all of its own.

Expedition is longer, taller and wider than the Tahoe and Yukon, but it seems smaller when you are driving it. That's due partly to deep side and rear windows and the sloping hood, which give the driver a great view of the outside world.

The interior is very roomy, there's ample elbow room in the front bucket seats and three adults can ride comfortably in the middle bench. The floor is nearly flat too, so no one straddles a hump. The optional third seat is uncomfortable for most adults. There just is not enough leg or head room. The cargo area is only about a foot long behind the

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third seat, though the seat folds flat in a single motion and can be removed. The middle seat also folds easily to create a huge cargo area.

When thinking of comfort, think the Expedition. The seats are large and very comfy. All of the electronic bells and whistles in this vehicle are just where you would put them. Everything is at your fingertips. The stereo isn't too bad either. Ford did a great job on the color scheme too. Cloth patterns adorn the seats and give this one some added flair.

The side doors are wide, and getting in and out of the 2WD model is relatively easy. The 4WD versions sit up higher off the ground, so you have to hoist yourself up with the aid on an inside grab handle. All four doors have map pockets and two cup holders that pop up out of the dash and doors. Models with front buckets get a center console that has opened and covered

compartments, two more cup holders and handy storage slots on the outer walls.

Driving this vehicle was great. The acceleration was up to par, no problem merging on the highway. It handled like a dream for what I would consider a large vehicle. The view was awesome, you sit up so high that you can see everything around you at all times.

This Expedition comes equipped with a 4.6 liter V-8 engine that really moves. It is also surprisingly agile for a truck-based vehicle of its size and the body lean is moderate as long as cornering speeds are modest. Retail price of this one is \$27,520 base for the 2WD and the Eddie Bauer edition 4WD is \$34,125 base and \$38,000 tested.

This newcomer feels more modern and refined than its GM competition, offers a more versatile 4WD system, and is priced competitively. Give it a look!

Ford Expedition

New Saturns are sporty, affordable

It does not matter what kind of Saturn you drive, they are all worth the price! The 1998 model year marks the introduction of the third generation Saturn coupe. A package of fun, sportiness and affordability, wrapped in a head-turning, bright new skin.

Let me first start out by saying that I received my Saturn on the first major snow fall of the season. The SL2 model that I had handled like a true champ. The traction control really performed.

There's no doubt about it, if you have to drive in inclement weather, the Saturn is a safe bet. It didn't matter if I was making a turn or just driving in a straight line, this car was a trooper in the snow. I didn't slide once. However, I can't say that for all of the other people I spotted in the ditches or on the side of the road as I made my trek home.

The Saturn SL2 sedan's exterior appearance is a world class blend of Asian and European flavor melded together by Saturn's U.S. based design team. All of the vertical panels (front and rear fenders, doors, trunk and facias) continue to be produced from ding and dent resistant polymer material. The horizontal hood, roof and upper deck lid are steel, making it a fairly safe vehicle.

SL models also come in two new eye-catching colors, light green and copper to go along

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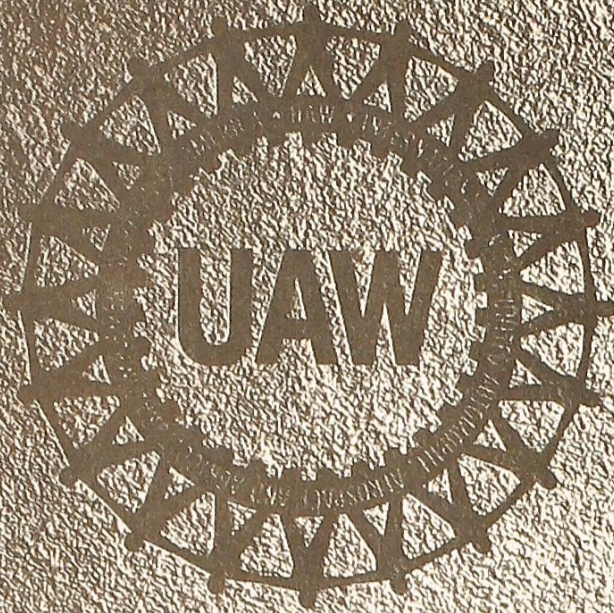
with the long list of colors you can now choose from. Attention to detail proves that form can follow function. One example is the roof appliques starting at the base of the windshield, extending over the doors and down the rear window. This smooth clean look features a slight inward lip that directs water away from open windows and doors. This way, if it is raining and you want your window cracked open, you never get wet.

The injection molded rocker covers with their rounded shape, are contemporary and functional, providing excellent cover from road debris. The interior of this sedan offers a high level of comfort and convenience rarely found in a small affordable car. The front and rear of the

cabin offer plenty of leg and head room. Not to mention the trunk, which has a large deep well to hold all of those special packages. The door trim has a fresh smooth appearance with cloth inserts and integral arm rests which come in a handful of colors.

My test car came nicely appointed with everything one would need for a comfortable, safe and fun ride. The stereo wasn't too shabby either. The price was outstanding, \$13,000 and \$17,000 as tested. And, if you are wondering about the gas mileage, that too was great at 26 miles per gallon in the city and 32 on the highway.

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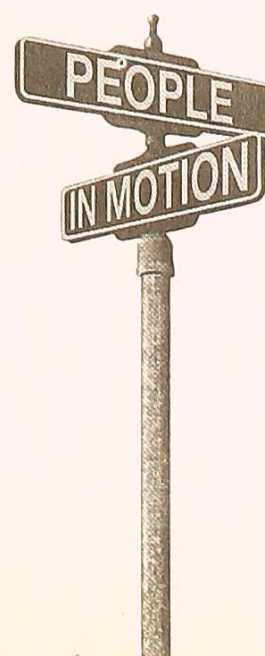
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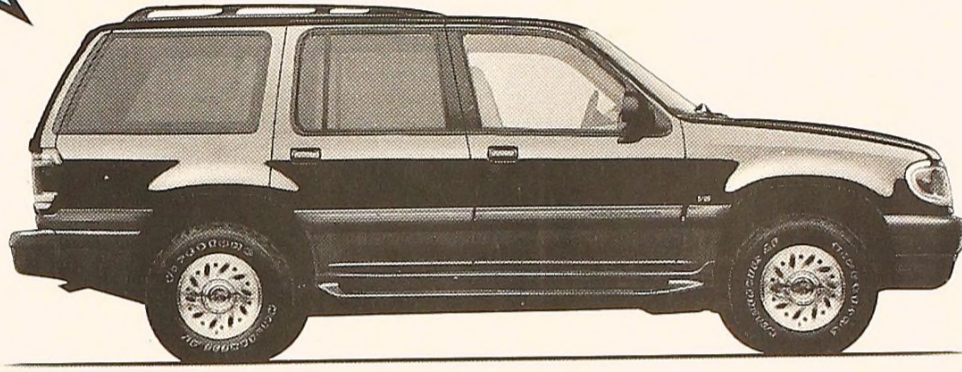
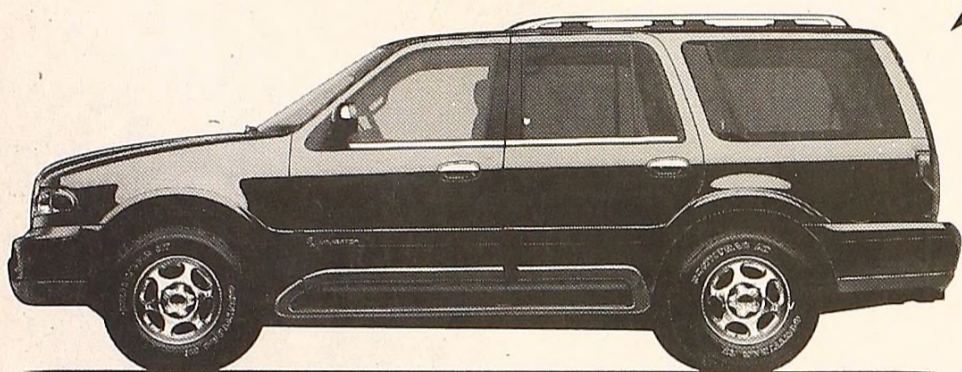
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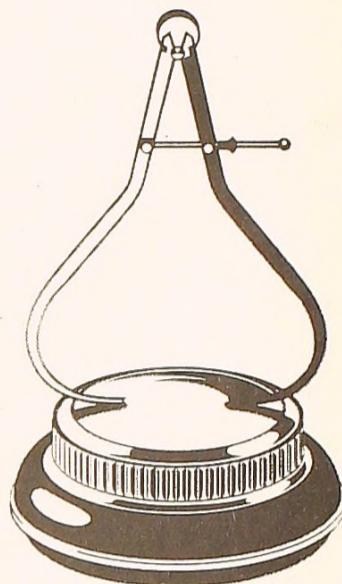
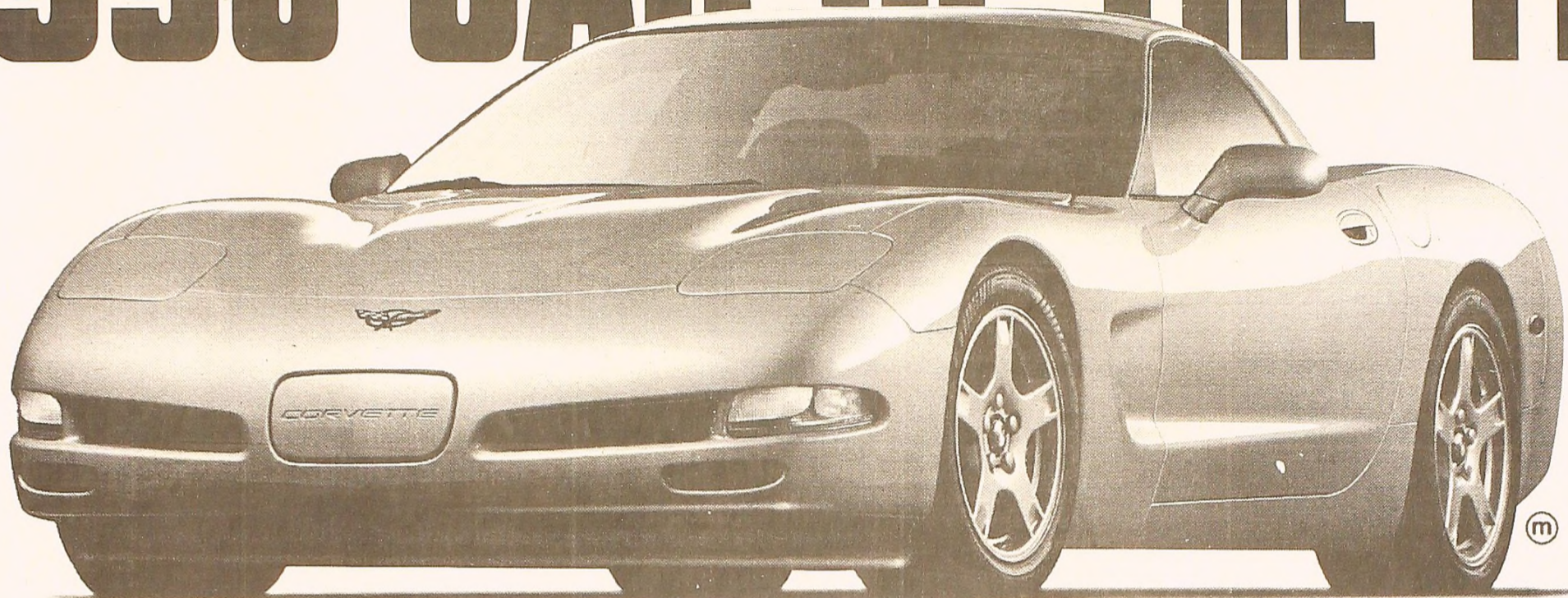
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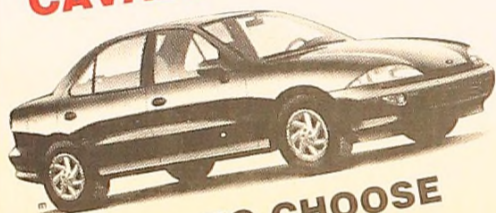
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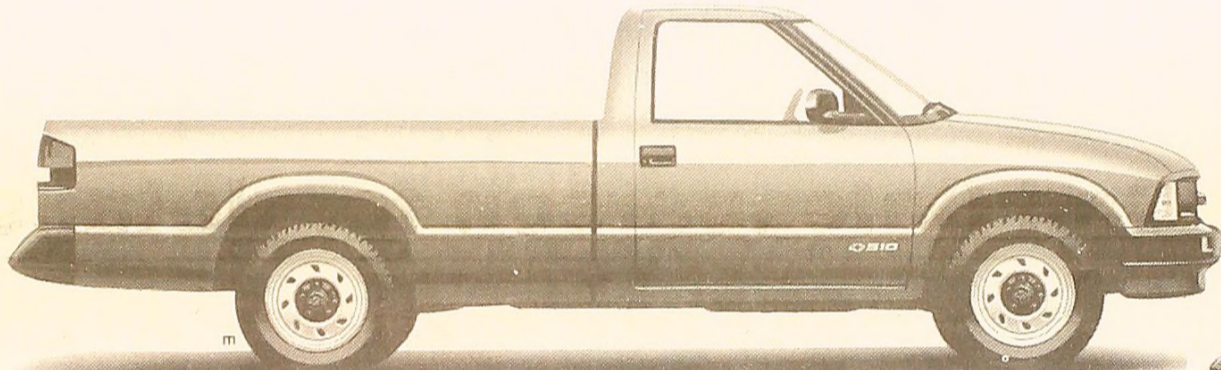
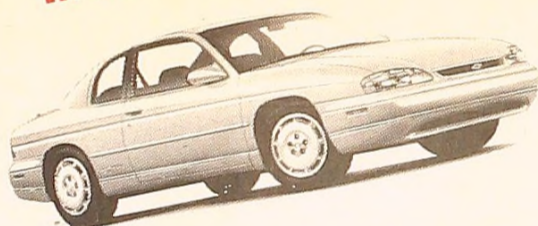
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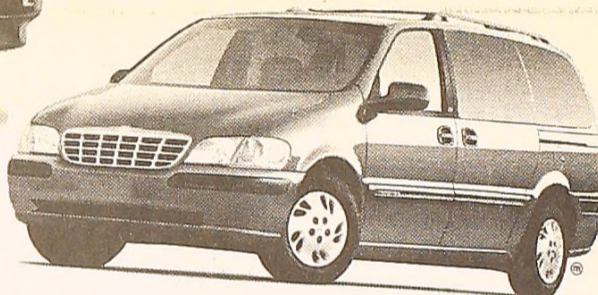


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Media preview opened 1998 Auto Show on Jan. 5

By KAREN STRONSKI
MCN Automotive Writer

This week is the time to experience the excitement of previewing the new vehicles being introduced at the North American International Auto Show.

The event opened for the media on Monday, Jan. 5, for press week, and a black tie charity event on Friday, Jan. 9, sponsored by the Detroit Auto Dealers Association, which is expected to raise more than \$2 million dollars for at least 10 Detroit-area charities.

Public show days begin on Saturday January 10th and run through the 19th. Hours are Monday to Friday 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.; first Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.; second Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m..

Since I have the honor of doing all of the automotive reviews for the newspaper, I have had the opportunity to speak with several of our auto advertisers in regards to what they think will be hot, as well as what is new for 1998. Here are some of their comments: John Sineveck at Atchinson Ford told me that once again the sport-ute reigns supreme. Also the F-Series pickups are

**John Sineveck
Atchinson Ford**

..."Once again, the sport-ute reigns supreme. Also the F-Series pickups are a very hot commodity, plus the 'hot' Expedition."

**Jeff Scott
Dick Scott**

..."Caravan is still the top seller after 13 years running. The new Dodge Durango is making its way up the charts, also."

**Jeff Bowman
Jack Demmer**

..."The Expedition is setting a record pace in sales and the sport-utes are the way of the future. ZX2 is also very popular."

**Mark Bies
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..."It's hard to keep the sport-utes in stock. They are great sellers! Tahoe, Suburban and the redesigned Blazers are popular."

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a very hot commodity, the Expedition is their most hot item on the market today.

Jeff Scott at Dick Scott Dodge said that the Caravan is still the top seller after 13 years running and that the new Dodge Durango is making its way up the charts. Expected sales for that vehicle are high this year.

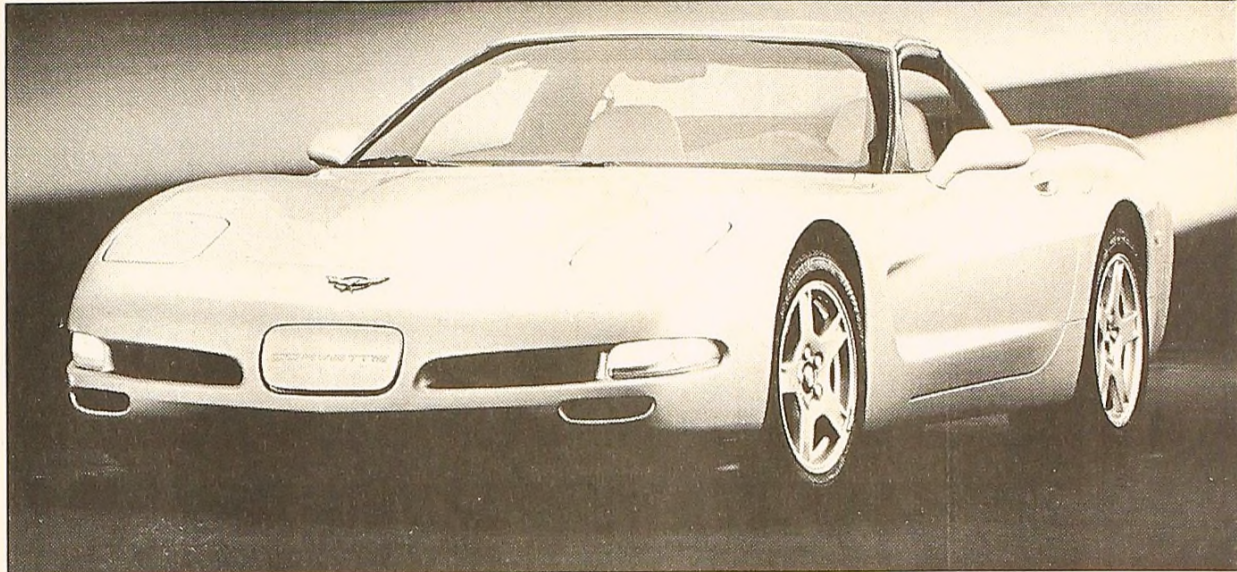
Jeff Bowman at Jack Demmer says that the Expedition is setting a record pace in sales, and sport-utes are the way of the future. However, incentives for the Ford automobiles are great! The ZX2 is very popular as well as the totally redesigned Contour. Crown Victoria is also redesigned and very hard to keep in stock.

Mark Bies at Krug Chevrolet has recently told me that its hard to keep sport-utes in stock, they are wonderful

sellers as well as the 3rd door pickups. Some of his most popular vehicles are the Chevy Tahoe, Suburban, and the redesigned Blazer. And late in 1998, Krug is expected to get in the all new Monte Carlo.

Damian at Zubor Buick told me that two of their hottest selling cars are the Century and the Regal, they are both geared to appeal to the younger buyer. In past years Buick has had the reputation of being the "more mature buyers car!" Now they get more "Baby Boomers than ever."

I enjoyed speaking with all of these reputable auto dealers, and have come to one conclusion, they basically all say the same thing. The sport-utility is the most popular vehicle, and the way of the future, be it for yourself and four-wheeling or to satisfy your cargo and family needs.



1998 Chevrolet Corvette Coupe

Auto dealers elect officers

The Detroit Auto Dealers Association (DADA) have elected its 1997-1998 officers and board of directors.

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Fun per dollar, Sunfire rules!

The Pontiac Sunfire has built its reputation on providing its youth-oriented customers with more fun for the dollar.

Sunfire's 1998 edition continues to add to that sporty reputation with enhancements to its 2200 SFI 2.2 liter engine that not only reduces noise and vibrations, but increases torque as well.

This car runs like a champ. For only having a four cylinder, this car had no problem launching off the line or merging

into the freeway. Power is definitely at a premium.

The 1998 model lineup includes the SE Coupe, SE Sedan, SE Convertible and the GT Coupe. All models feature the same bold, sporty styling that helped Sunfire earn a 1997 J.D. Power Appeal award. And each is equipped with features and options normally found only on bigger, more expensive cars.

Dual "next generation air bags," anti-lock brakes and rear seat air vents and the

PASSlock theft deterrent system are standard on all Sunfires. Other standard features are too numerous to mention.

The interior of the 1998 gives occupants the sensation of being in a larger car. Plenty of leg and head room in here. Both in the front and rear of the cabin. Sunfire's standard full fold-down rear seat gives the owner choices on how to use the car's interior space. This feature allows owners to

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Boy, do I have a great automobile for you! It's sort of like sport utility meets full-size truck. Well, if you have not guessed by now, I am speaking of the new 1998 GMC Suburban SLT. It's for the rugged individualist as well as the family. This one will fit into your busy life rather nicely.

On an off the road, you see two types of sport utility owners, those who drive what's popular at the moment, and those who drive an automobile that is always in style. Suburban owners have discovered that in a vehicle category such as this one, filled with impostors and wannabes, this GMC stands out as an authentic choice.

Built on a dedicated four-wheel drive platform, the Suburban acts like an SUV/truck should. With its unwavering ruggedness, durability, and the physical prowess to conquer most any terrain. Just hit the

bottom and you are driving with the confidence of four-wheel drive. It's just that simple.

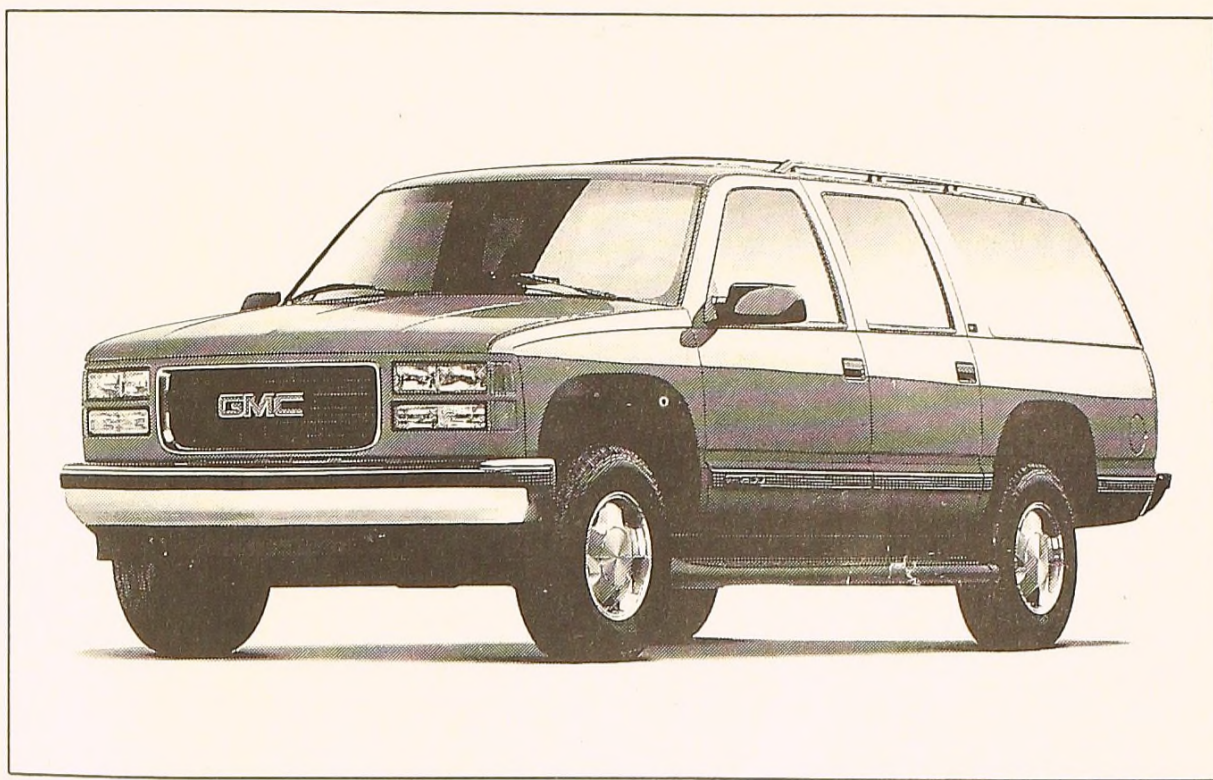
Unlike the ABS in some SUVs, Suburban's system works in every drive mode, helping to maintain steering control while braking on even the slickest of surfaces. The control that I had while driving this vehicle was amazing considering how large it was. Not to mention hard to park. However, maneuvering the Suburban was not as hard as I once had suspected. And the ride was as smooth as glass.

Some of the features that I found very useful were: the heat controls vents in the rear passenger area could be controlled from the front as well as the rear seats, large cargo/luggage capacity was great, plenty of space for all of your packages or whatever it is you need space for. There is also a real neat gadget called the

D-pillar switch, which enables you to lock and unlock all doors from the cargo area.

Standard equipment on this four-wheel drive Suburban SLT is steel belted radial tires, speed sensitive power steering, independent front suspension, front stabilizer bar, tow hook, four extra power sources for computers, radar detectors, cell phones etc... Also included is a 100 amp alternator, driver and front passenger air bags, four-wheel anti-lock brakes, a 42-gallon fuel tank and a handful of other features at no additional cost.

For everything that this SUV had, I found the price pretty easy to swallow, and right in the range of all those others out on the market today. Base price was about \$28,000 and as tested around \$38,000. My model also came with a built-in cell phone in the center console which came in handy.



1998 Suburban 1500 4WD SLE/SLT

When thinking about price, you must consider that the one I tested was nicely loaded. It had a compact disc player, six-way adjustable seats, sport appearance package, air conditioning with individual front and rear passenger controls, leather wrapped steering

wheel, hi-back buckets and much more.

I would recommend this sport utility vehicle to any family large or small. It rides like a dream, handles very well in any type of weather, and can do just about anything. And it has just about everything that

you can imagine on the interior. Whether you have driven several SUVs/trucks, or this is your first time behind the wheel of one of these premium vehicles, I think you'll readily notice GMC's customer pleasing combination of power and comfort.

Style, toughness, dependability define GMC Sierra

By KAREN STRONSKI
MCN Automotive Writer

When you are thinking of a dependable powerful truck, think GMC. The 1998 GMC Sierra is both youthful and aggressive with the toughness buyers demand. This pickup is for individuals who seek superior dependability in a powerful, rugged truck.

GMC thought of everything when designing this one. Push one button (on the fly) four-wheel drive, so you can go from on to off-roading effortlessly.

The Sierra is built tough, I put it through all kinds of abuse, and it handled with grace and ease. It didn't matter if I was driving on a regular surface street or four-wheeling up muddy hills, I had no problem with this one and I didn't get stuck once.

When observing the exterior of this one, you get a good idea of just how solidly this truck is built. The sporty appearance with the flared fenders just enhances the overall package.

Just open up the doors in this truck (all three of them),

and you can see all of the room that you'll have once inside. Plenty of leg and head room, and even a back seat that can fit two or even three passengers. Then hop in and look at all of the electronic bells and whistles. Sierra has it all. And every gizmo was power, the seats, the mirrors, the windows, locks, etc...

Plus, as an added bonus, the back of the cab offered extra cargo space for groceries, golf clubs or whatever your needs might be. You can carry just about anything in the cab, instead of having your items roll

around in the bed.

For a 4x4, the interior was plush, not necessarily what one would expect for a utility truck. The door panels and seats were adorned with colorful fabric and the comfort was uncompromising. Then I got to the stereo which had premium sound quality. The music just echoed all around the cab.

When you think of a truck with most all of the features standard, think of GMC. I could not believe that most everything in this truck came standard except the compact disc player, that's a bit extra. The

list includes: air bags, air conditioning, daytime running lamps, Scotch Guard fabric protector, intermittent wipers, power windows, doors, and locks, and the list goes on and on. However, they are too numerous to mention.

The Sierra interior was designed "from the inside out" with the driver and passengers in mind. An ergonomically designed instrument panel, contoured seats, and high quality trim give the Sierra a fresh contemporary look, as well as a high level of comfort and convenience. Also an exten-

sive noise reduction system gives the Sierra cab a quiet environment by reducing from the drive train, chassis and wind.

An available third door brings a greater level of convenience to the Sierra extended cab model. It gives you unobstructed passenger side access to the rear compartment. The door swings out for easy loading and unloading of cargo.

One of the deterrents I found with this truck is that it sits up real high, and for the

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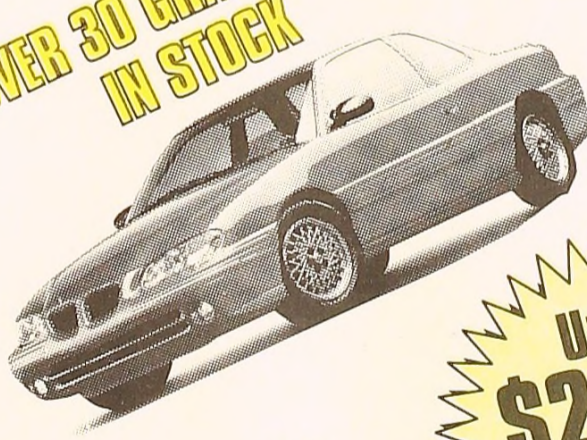
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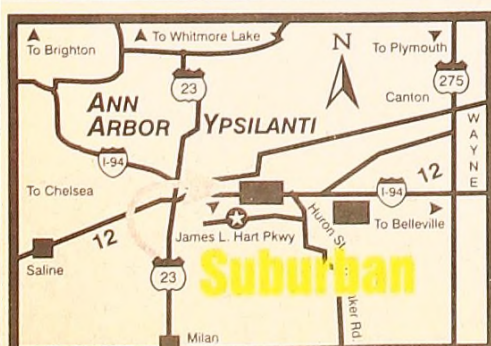
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1998 Lincoln Navigator

Firebird is hot for 1998 motoring

By KAREN STRONSKI
MCN Automotive Writer

It has always been my pleasure to test drive the Pontiac Firebird Formula. For 1998 Pontiac has made some changes to this pavement-eating machine. All of which are positive.

Some of these dynamic changes include a new aggressive hood, fenders, and front facias. Also included in the changes are new headlamp design, new front park and turn signal lamps, fog lamps are now standard equipment, two new exterior colors (Navy Metallic and Sport Gold Metallic), new exhaust tips, honeycomb tail lamps with round backup lamps (these give this car an incredible sporty new look) leather wrapped power seats, new 305 horsepower LS1 V8 engine, revised suspension, and full-feature all-weather, all-speed traction control. The traction control really comes in handy in inclement weather since the car is rear-wheel drive.

changes is a vehicle that fittingly goes where no mere car has ever gone before. It is ergonomically evolved, and has a snazzy new suit. Well, maybe not a new suit, but certainly a jacket.

Exterior changes to the Blazer include: a new grille, bumpers, and air dam, composite headlights, body-side moldings, optional fog-lamps and a integral step bumper. All of which can be adorned in a trio of new exterior metallic colors. They include: Light Pewter, Dark Copper, and Indigo Blue.

The new front end is designed to emulate the styling of Chevy's full-sized Tahoe and Suburban, reinforcing family ties in the process.

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You get more muscle for your money.

line or merging on the highway, power is at a premium!

Firebird's aggressive new hood design provides smoother contours and improves underhood airflow. New pop-up headlamps feature a dual lamps design that not only enhances Firebird's appearance when deployed, but significantly improves road lighting. At close distances, road lighting pattern is wider and at long distances, light intensity is greater than before.

The two front facia styles have changed for 1998. Both feature the center twin ports below the hood and both have newly styled standard round fog lamps, along with the new tail lights which look like a honeycomb and enhance the attitude of this automobile. This car also has a new look to the exhaust which consists of oval shaped aluminum tips.

Performance enthusiasts will cheer with Firebird's aggressive new engine which has been beefed up this year. The responsiveness of this one will floor you. You get more muscle

for your money.

While in the interior, you will notice that not much has changed. I guess that's a good thing though, because every control is just where you would put it. There is one exception. In the six-speed that I tested, the cup holder is large enough to hold an extra large cup but gets in the way of the gear shifter. And the back seat is small, what can you expect from a high performance sports car though?

Trunk room is at a premium, plenty of space for your all important stuff. The stereo sound quality is great and the compact disc player doesn't even skip when going over rough surfaces. One other thing that I liked was the fat manual shifter knob which was a pleasure to work through the gear pattern.

I spoke with Nick Wong at Suburban Pontiac who told me that given the right season, this is one of his best sellers, and I can see why. For everything you get the price is right. This car offers delectable power and torque, an eye-catching shape, a ride that's smooth for a sports car and a terrific base price.

If you are a budget-minded enthusiast, consider a drive. This one is hot and priced to sell!

Sierra

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average sized woman who is using this truck to go back and forth to work in, I thought it was very hard to get in and out of without running boards. In my opinion, that should be a standard feature, not an op-

tion.

My test car was powered by a V-8 engine with 230 horsepower at 4600 rpm and 285 pounds of torque at 2800 rpm. This baby really hauled! No problem passing on the freeway or moving from a dead stop. This truck offered all of the power you could ever need for everyday driving.

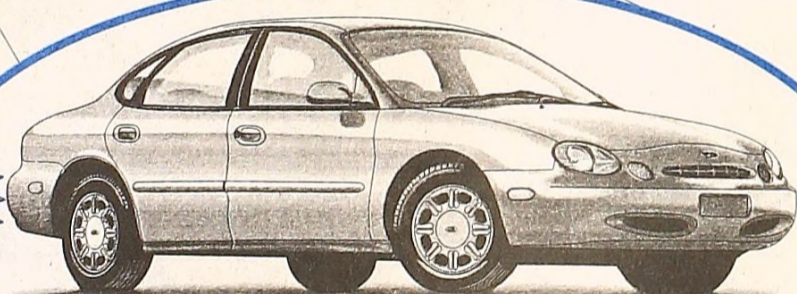
The gas mileage was good,

considering it was a V-8 and a 4x4. It got 22 miles per gallon in the city, and about 29 on the highway. Base price of this vehicle was about \$24,000, and as tested \$26,400.

The 1998 GMC Sierra pickup is for the individualist pursuing an active lifestyle and seeking superior dependability in a powerful, rugged truck.

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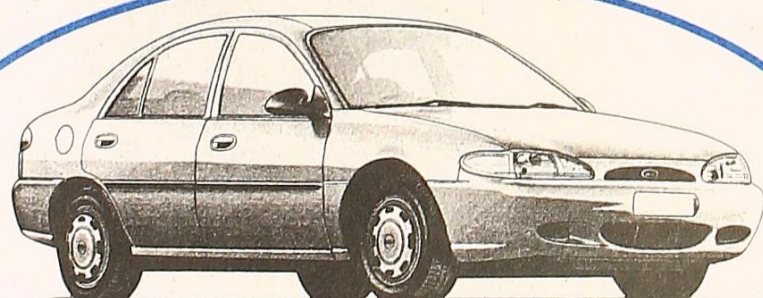
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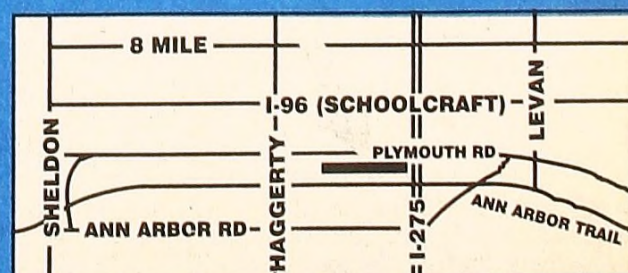


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ABCs of 1988 cars

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Here's the ABCs of the vehicles for 1998:

A is for Acura -- the SLX sports utility, the RL and Integra, and -- Audi, A-4 and A-6.

B is for Bentley -- the Continental R and Azure convertible; the BMW -- 823i coupe and 823i convertible Buick -- with OnStar communication system, and new Park Avenue, Park Avenue Ultra and Skylark.

C is for Chevrolet -- Corvette convertible, new styled Prizm, Cavalier Z24 convertible plus S10 and Blazer; Cadillac -- new Seville and Catera; Chrysler -- Concorde, Town and Country, and Sebring Convertible.

D is for Dodge -- new Durango plus Ram and Quad Cab Ram, Intrepid, Dakota, Caravan, plus Ram Van and Wagon.

E is for Escort -- the ZX2 coupe, Contour plus Taurus, Windstar and Thunderbird (which will be gone for two years or more); and Eagle -- the Talon and Vision, which will disappear after 1998.

F is for Ford, of course, with its many models.

G is for GMC trucks -- the Jimmy and Sonoma plus Yukon.

H is for Honda -- Accord EX and Accord LX; Hyundai -- with Accent GSi.

I is for Isuzu -- Rodeo; and Infiniti -- 130 and Q45.

J is for Jeep -- new Grand Cherokee and Cherokee 5.9 Limited plus Wrangler; and Jaguar -- XJ8 sedan.

K is for the karma that makes some models popular and puts others on the road to oblivion.

L is for Lincoln -- new Town

Car and Continental and the Navigator (built in Wayne) sports utility vehicle.

M is for Mercury -- Mystique, Sable and Cougar; Mercedes-Benz -- the ML320 sport utility vehicle and the CLK sports coupe; Mazda 626 sedan and B-series.

N is for Nissan -- Altima, Maxima and Frontier pickup plus Sentra.

O is for Oldsmobile -- Bravada sports utility, Intrigue, Aurora and Silhouette.

P is for Plymouth -- the purple Plymouth Prowler, Voyager and Breeze; Pontiac --

Firebird, Trans Am, Trans Sport mini-van, Bonneville; and Porsche -- new 911 Carrera.

Q is for a quieter ride -- sought after by vehicle purchasers.

R is for ride -- smooth and comfortable.

S is for Subaru -- new Forester, Outback Sport and Impreza; Suzuki -- Esteem; Saab -- 900S coupe with luxury sport sedan 9-5 introduced in the spring; and Saturn.

T is for Toyota -- Corolla and Sienna.

U is for the ultimate vehicle --

which all manufacturers are trying to build.

V is for Volkswagen -- new Passat, GTI, Golf and Jetta; Volvo with new S- and V-designed cars, plus sporty C70 coupe.

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Imagine yourself in a Mercury

Sunfire

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carry longer loads such as skis and surf boards with the deck lid shut.

This vehicle also offers the convenience of compact disc and cassette storage in the console and door map pockets. Sunfire's cavernous 12.7 liter glove box stores an average-sized lady's purse or even a 12-pack of pop and an ice pack. Now that's room! I also need to mention just how comfortable the seating is.

In addition to being spacious, the interior was designed for driver convenience. Radio and heater/air controls, for example, are angled toward the driver for improved ergonomics, safety and that distinctive Pontiac cockpit feel. Cluster gauges with standard tachometer are easy to read and dual stalk controls help put the Sunfire driver in control.

I should mention that the automobile that I test drove was a convertible, which really did me no good since it is winter. However, I sure am looking forward to testing it again in the spring.

Power

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Since the "Bow Tie Bunch" hasn't wrought any serious mechanical changes to the Blazer, Chevy must think that aspect is pretty good just the way it is.

In my opinion, Chevy certainly upped the ante on in-cabin amenities, starting with a new interior and better more comfortable seats with firmer bolsters and on most models, adjustable lumbar.

Among other things, there are now four map reading lights six cup holders two in which are on the doors and made for larger cans, three drive ranges (2wd, 4H, and 4L) on the Insta-Trac system that's standard on all 4wd models. That last item is now better served with tougher looking buttons right up there at 12 o'clock on the instrument panel, where you can punch one "on the fly" as needed.

Price and gas mileage has remained unchanged. This one is definitely worth checking out.

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Welcome back Carter

Former coach picked to build Wayne football program

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Floyd Carter is hoping the second time around will be as sweet as the first.

Carter, who coached his alma mater, Wayne Memorial, back in the mid-1970s, was picked last week by the administration to build Wayne Memorial's football program.

The 54-year-old Carter will replace Chuck Howton, who is retiring after the current school year.

"I am excited and enthused about this opportunity," says Carter, after being notified

that he is the next Wayne Memorial head football coach. "Once coaching gets into your blood, you never can get it out. I've been coaching now for nearly three decades, and I love it. I am looking forward to the season and meeting with the kids."

William Hawley, Wayne Memorial athletic director, said that Carter was a "natural choice" to fill the vacancy.

"He (Carter) has a tremendous amount of knowledge of the sport, knows the program and works very well with our students."

"Floyd also has impeccable

credentials," Hawley continued. "He loves the sport. Loves the kids. And he is, after all, part of our tradition. Who else but Carter?"

A stern disciplinarian who believes players want and need discipline, Carter said the foundation upon which he will begin to build the program will be the two big "D's" - discipline and defense.

"We got to rebuild our defense because, without it, you're going to be in trouble. Discipline also plays a key role in whatever we do on and off the field and in our lives."

"I am also a strong believer

in a good kicking game. With one, you can win games. Without one, you're in trouble. It's as simple as that."

Carter pointed out that one of the reasons for his success with his teams at Crestwood (Dearborn Heights), was he fortunately had strong kickers in the lineup. Among the more notable ones was Billy Stoyanpich, (presently playing for Michigan State).

Stoyanpich's older brother, Pete, is also a kicking specialist who has played in the NFL for the Miami Dolphins and Kansas City.

"I believe in kids. And I be-

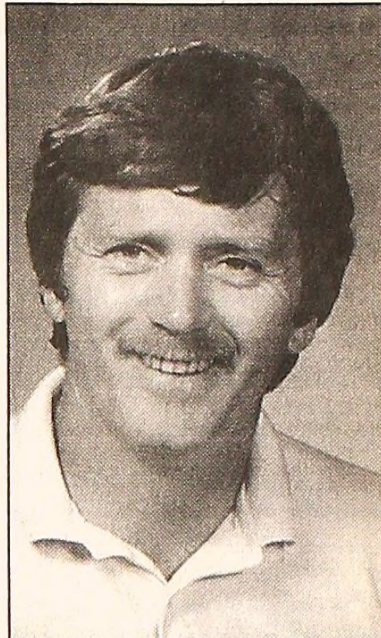
lieve that you have to coach each and every one of them - from the least-talented to the most talented if you want a successful program. There can be no favoritism."

Carter also is quick to note "winning isn't everything".

"But, I'll tell you, after all of these years, it's far better than losing. Believe me."

A 1961 graduate of Wayne Memorial, Carter went on to play his collegiate football at Eastern Michigan University. His first coaching assignment was at Ypsilanti St. John

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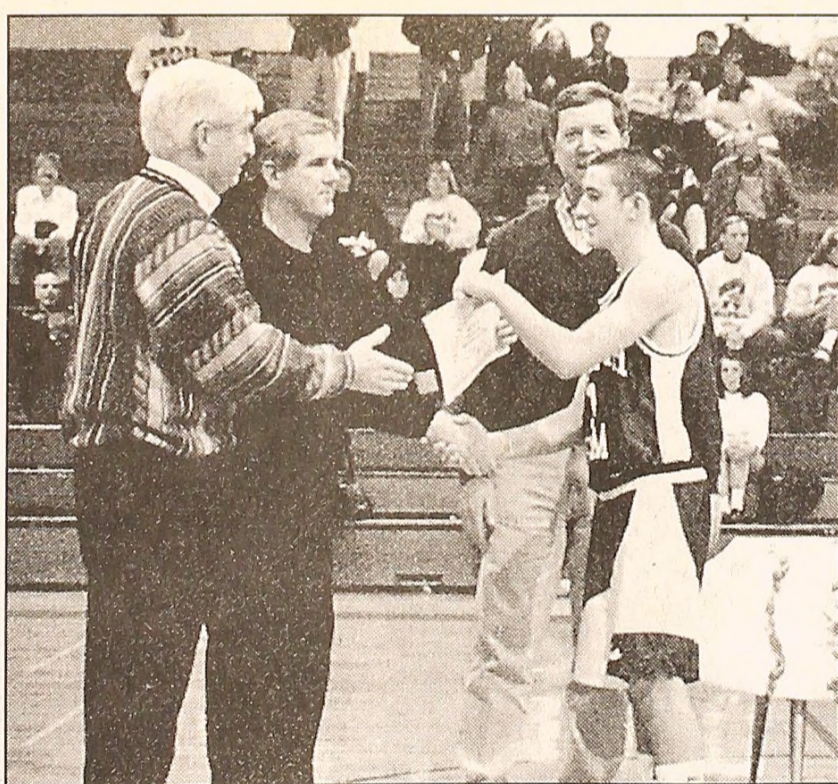


Floyd Carter

Salem captures Grosse Ile tourney



Off to a shaky start at the beginning of the current campaign when the Rocks dropped back-to-back non-conference games, Plymouth-Salem (pictured above) has managed to string together three consecutive victories, including a 75-51 decision over host, Grosse Ile, to capture the Grosse Ile Holiday Title. That Salem victory brought down the curtains for the 1997 phase of the season. Salem's senior captain Andy Power (at right) accepts the Most Valuable Player award for his two superlative performances in the tournament. Coach Bob Brodie's club returned to the hardwood Tuesday at Milan, it also has a Western Lakes Conference crossover game with Livonia Franklin at home on Friday. Photos by Frank Szczepanski



Power's 19 points lift Rocks to victory over Islanders, 75-51

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Plymouth-Salem basketball Coach Bob Brodie received a belated Christmas gift last week.

Behind senior guard Andy Power's award-winning performance, Salem destroyed host Grosse Ile, 75-51, to clinch the Grosse Ile Holiday Tournament title and the Rocks managed to present their coach with the first-place trophy.

It is the first time in recent years that Salem has accepted an invitation to compete in a holiday tournament.

"The tournament was a good one for us," said Brodie afterwards. "It helped keep the kids focused on the season, and winning the tournament also gave us a big boost, especially after getting off to a

It helped keep the kids focused on the season...

- Bob Brodie

shaky start this season."

Salem dropped its first two games of the season and has been able to put together a modest three-game winning streak.

The Rocks should have no problem stretching that streak to four at the expense of Milan, a team that has had its share of problems this year. The two non-conference rivals were scheduled to play Tuesday in Milan.

On Friday, The Rocks will

return home to take on Western Lakes Conference opponent, Livonia Franklin.

Salem reached the championship round at Grosse Ile by whipping Allen Park Cabrini, 66-40, in the first round.

In the finals, Power scored 10 of his game-high 19 points in the first period against Grosse Ile, staking the Rocks to a 20-13 lead that the visitors never relinquished.

For all purposes, the Rocks put the game away in the second quarter when they outscored their hosts 20-9 to take an insurmountable 40-21 lead into the locker room.

Substituting freely in the second half, Brodie went to his bench freely and, despite the changes in the lineup, Salem outscored their opponents

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Ouch, that hurt!

Wayne loses another at-the-buzzer

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Losing hurts.

But when the moment of truth is revealed on a last shot or the final seconds of a game again, and again, and again, how does one express the extent of that hurt?

You probably can't.

Just ask coach Chuck Henry.

It happened for the third time this season to Wayne Memorial and its coach. The Zebras were burned with a last-shot basket that lifted Detroit Denby to a 66-64 victory thanks to Steve Monroe's game-winning jumper in the Superintendent's Classic staged during the holidays in the Cobo Arena.

Monroe also provided the Tars with a team-high 20 points.

Henry isn't ready to call it a "jinx" or call in a mystic to explain the phenomena, but the veteran Wayne coach isn't too

Our kids gave it their all, unfortunately we came up short...again.

- Chuck Henry

happy with the losses.

"It's tough to lose," Henry notes, "but when you lose one at the buzzer, it's really tough. Our kids gave it their all, unfortunately, we came up short...again."

Wayne came from behind and made up a nine-point (52-43) third-quarter deficit thanks to the individual heroics of their 6-7, 200-pound senior center Quentin Turner who came alive in the final eight minutes of the game.

Turner sank 15 of his team's 21 fourth-quarter points and, with seconds remaining, tapped in a rebounder that

tied the score.

But Monroe came back with a short jumper that found its mark and sealed the victory for the Tars.

Turner finished with 17 points and a game-high 14 rebounds in the losing effort.

Turner's teammate, Brian Williams, continued to sparkle on the floor. Williams, a senior guard, scored a game-high 21 points. Wayne also had a third player in double figures. Jamar Davis added 10 points.

Denby worked to the front of a 16-13 first period, and stayed out in front at the intermission 31-26. The Tars increased the margin by five by outscoring the Zebras 21-17 in the third stanza. The Tars were up 52-39 for three.

Then, Turner became unstoppable and sparked a fourth-quarter Wayne rally that almost got the job done.

Rashad Lee also scored in

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Holiday blues

Robichaud falls in Cobo debut

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Whether it was the post-holiday blues or the anxiety of playing in the Cobo Arena, no one really knows, but Robichaud couldn't stay with a strong Detroit Mackenzie in the premier game of the 1997 Superintendent's Classic.

Trailing by only seven at the half, coach Monte Dennard's Bulldogs failed to muster enough scoring power to stop the Detroit basketball powerhouse and fell 56-41 in their debut at the Cobo Arena.

"We couldn't get anything going against them," said Dennard, who was disappointed with his team's overall performance. "I don't know what it was - call it holiday blues or anything, but I don't know what happened."

Bennett rattled the nets...

Sixteen Robichaud turnovers and Ryan Bennett's outstanding individual efforts for Mackenzie didn't help matters, either.

Bennett rattled the nets for a game-high 24 points as the Stags outscored their opponents 25-17 in the second half.

The Robichaud setback was the third in a row and left the Bulldogs with a 1-3 overall record for the first-phase of the 1997-98 season.

Roderick Means provided the lone glimmer in the Bulldogs assault against the Stags. He tossed in a team high 12 points and also managed to sweep the glass for five rebounds.

Teammate Jason Malloy, nursing a leg injury, only saw partial service against the Detroiters. He was expected to be at full strength Tuesday night when the Bulldogs took to the floor against Woodhaven.

The Woodhaven game will usher in a new era for Robichaud, which is making its debut in the Mega Conference White Division.

Dennard said that Woodhaven has a fine basketball tradition, but he didn't know what to expect for the 1998 team.

"I haven't had an opportunity to scout them this year because of all of our games and holiday commitments," Dennard said. "But off of what I have seen and read of their past teams over there, they should have a pretty decent team."

Tigers get their first look at Ypsi

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

After two heartbreaking setbacks at the Benton Harbor Holiday Basketball Invitational, Belleville coach Rod Fisher and the Tigers will return home Friday night to host conference newcomer, Ypsilanti.

Both Belleville and Ypsi passed their first conference tests - the Tigers turned back Inkster, while Ypsi stunned defending champ, Wayne Memorial.

Fisher says he has a lot of

respect for Ypsi, a team that held off the defending champ and won a thriller.

"They (Ypsi) are a very talented team," said Fisher, who is looking for his second straight conference victory. "They are new to this conference, but they also have showed that they can be a worthy opponent."

Fisher said he was concerned that the Tiger offense has not been able to execute to its potential.

"We still have some problems that have hurt us in the early phase of this season.

They must be eliminated if we are to remain competitive."

Turnovers, about 12 per game, and poor shot selection were among those problems that the second-year Belleville coach expressed concerns over.

"In this conference you can't be making too many mistakes and expect to win," Fisher stressed.

In the opening game of a two-game tournament at Benton Harbor, the Tigers fell behind against Detroit Cass Tech

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Holiday feasts prove costly to prep wrestlers

But Thompson, Sienko manage to overcome temptation and win

By TOM MOORADIAN
MCN Staff Writer

Romulus' Charles Thompson struck gold at the prestigious Eaton Rapids Wrestling Invitational.

Thompson, a 189-pound grappler, turned back Lansing Eastern's Charles Richardson to capture the top prize in his weight class at the 14-team tournament.

"He did an exceptional job," said Romulus coach Vern Logan, noting that his wrestler managed to overcome not only his adversaries but the temptation of the holidays to feast.

"It's difficult to resist the cookies and good food at this

time of the year, but obviously Charles managed to remain in shape for this tournament," Logan quipped.

To get to the finals, Thompson defeated Michigan Center's Robert Truskowski in the first round via a 3:52 pin. He then defeated Joe Richards of Muskegon Reeths-Tuffer, 8-2, to advance to the finals where Richardson was waiting.

Romulus, which finished ninth in the field of 14, also got a third-place finish from 140-pounder, Steve Hatfield, who eked out a 2-1 victory over Decatur's Patrick Johnson in the consolation round.

Alex Hanc, who repre-

sented the Eagles in the 152-pound class, lost in the consolation round to Kevin Lee of Fruitport, 7-5, and settled for a fourth-place medal.

Logan said that he felt his team could have finished higher but had lost its concentration.

"It is a difficult task to keep kids focused during the holidays," Logan stressed, "and I felt that this team could have finished better if we had concentrated better on the task."

In the meantime, Wayne finished fourth at the Lincoln Park Invitational as coach Dave Davis's grapplers picked up six medals including a gold.

Jason Sienko won the 135-pound title at the Railsplitters'

invitational. Teammate William Laramie was runnerup in the heavyweight division.

Other Wayne medalists included Nathan Wensko, who was third-place at 119; Jon Gregg, fourth-place at 112, Ken Raupp, was fifth at 140-pound, and Justin Beseler, finished sixth at 125.

Southgate Anderson, the defending Mega Conference Red Division champ, dominated the team championships. The winners compiled 300-points. Wayne was second with 188, followed by Wyandotte and Wayne.

Inkster also started the New Year at the Lincoln Park tourney where two of the Vikings wound up with medals. Mike

Franklin was runnerup at 130, while Keith Jackson picked up a sixth-place award for his efforts at 145.

Inkster coach Sam Ellis said he was disgusted with his team's performance.

"We wrestled miserably," Ellis said. "We stunk up the place and that is a reflection on the way they practiced during the holidays."

Over at Plymouth-Salem, Holt surfaced with the team championship with the host, Salem, finishing second.

The unofficial team totals are as follows: Holt (212), Salem (170), Trenton (157.5), Belleville (155), Livonia Stevenson (149), Novi (140), Greenville (102), Adrian (97), Portage

Central (95), Ann Arbor Pioneer (88), Ypsilanti (82), Brighton and Garden City tied at 59.

Rounding out the field were Livonia Churchill (39), Farmington (35), Plymouth-Canton (26), Westland John Glenn (23) and North Farmington (16).

Kevin Stone was Canton's lone medalist. The 140-pounder finished fifth for the injury-plagued Chiefs.

Canton remains without the services of John Popock (130), John Demsick (171) and Brent Battermore (135), who are on the injury list.

The Chiefs will travel to the Royal Oak Invitational on Saturday after clashing with Western Lakes Conference opponent, Northville, Thursday night.

Carter

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where he coached a young quarterback by the name of Bobby Sutton.

Sutton is presently Army's head football coach.

In 1969, Carter returned to Wayne Memorial to teach and coach. He joined the coaching staff as a junior varsity football coach. Two years later, he was awarded the top coaching position and he coached the Zebra football teams for the next 13 years.

During his first watch as head coach, Carter had his share of victories, however, did not win a conference title in a conference dominated by Dearborn Fordson.

But his teams did manage to win some close ones against natural rival, John Glenn, who happened to be coached at

that time by Lloyd Carr.

The 1975 game between Carter and Carr's team was an unforgettable classic. A defensive duel to the end, the game was resolved by then sophomore Todd DeLuca's 37-yard field goal as time elapsed.

Incidentally, DeLuca is being honored this year as the top assistant coach in Michigan by the Michigan High School Coaches Association.

"It was one of those memorable games that few who were there will ever forget," Carter recalled.

Carter and Carr became friends, a friendship that continues to this day.

In fact, Carter is quoted in a recent newspaper article about that friendship and how it has endured over the years.

Carr went on to become head coach at the University of Michigan and, for the first time since 1934, the undefeated Wolverines have managed to win a national title by beating Washington State in the Rose Bowl, 21-16, on New Year's Day.

"We were all praying for him," said Carter. "He is just a

great person and coach," Carter said.

After his first tour of duty as Wayne's head coach, Carter accepted the responsibility of building Crestwood's program where he coached for 11 years.

When the opportunity surfaced to return to Wayne, Carter said he didn't hesitate. He accepted a position as an assistant coach on Howton's staff.

What does Carter's wife, Nancy, have to say about this second time around stuff?

"She is behind me 100 percent," said Carter. "That's the way she's always been."

Nancy Carter, also an educator but with the Livonia Public Schools, and Floyd have three children: Mark, who played and was a standout defensive back at Westland John Glenn, is presently attending Wayne State University where he is majoring in education. He is also a member of the Tartar football team.

Jane, a Glenn graduate, is attending the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus, while Marianne, 12, is a student at Frost Middle School in the Wayne-Westland schools.

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and fell 70-61. In the consolation round, Belleville dropped

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19-15 and 16-14 in the final two periods.

Wayne

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double figures for the Tars. He had 13 points.

Denby made eight of 14 free throw offerings as compared to Wayne's seven of 12 at the foul line.

An atypical Wayne will return home on Friday sporting a 2-3 overall record and a three-game losing streak

a 70-64 decision to Detroit Denby.

Incidentally, Denby beat Wayne 66-64 at the Superintendent's Classic, a holiday invitational sponsored by the Detroit Superintendent of

Power was named the tournament's MVP. In his 19 points were five treys. Salem junior guard Aaron Rypkowski added 11 points and 10 rebounds.

The Islanders had a pair of players - Terry Nickels and Jeff Tulik - in double figures.

Henry described Rouge as a team "with a lot of talent, size and depth."

which could possibly be extended by a River Rouge team.

Rouge, a newcomer in the Mega Conference, Red Division, is 5-1 on the year, and is considered a pre-season favorite to replace Wayne on the Mega Conference Red Division throne.

The Panthers' lone loss is to undefeated Romulus.

Henry described Rouge as a team "with a lot of talent, size and depth."

"But, you know our kids may be the underdogs, but they aren't afraid to go up against anyone in the state," Henry noted. "This team has showed it can play against anyone."

Schools.

On Tuesday, the Tigers will travel to Highland Park, another newcomer to the Red Division circuit. It will be the first meeting of these two schools in recent history.

Both scored 10 for the losers, who made 10 of 23 at the free throw line.

Salem capitalized on 12 of 22 from the line where the Rocks were expected to work overtime before their next encounter.

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OBITUARIES

ALLEN, PHILLIP, SR. BECK, EDWIN C. BRITZ, ORVILLE DEBEAUDRY, OMER DRAKE, CELIA DWYER, RICHARD SR. GEOFFREY, VINCENT GREGOR, JULIE HORN, MARGARET KENDRICK, ESTA KORNE, DOROTHY LYSON, FRANK, SR. MILLS, SYLVIA NELSON, ELIZABETH SCOTT, ADA SOUTHWELL, GAYLORD STOCKER, MAUREEN STONE, ALEX

ALLEN, PHILLIP, SR
Age 37, of Mesick, MI (formerly of Belleville), passed away December 30, 1997. Beloved husband of Dawn (Grow) Allen. Dear father of Phillip, Jr., Shane, Brandon Haynes and Cari (James) Fuller. Loving son of Willodean and the late Jack. Also survived by 3 siblings and 1 grandchild. Services were held January 3 at David C. Brown Funeral Home with interment at Michigan Memorial Park.

BECK, EDWIN C.
Age 82, of Canton, passed away December 27, 1997. Beloved husband of Vera Anna Beck. Dear father of Barbara (Bill) Barrel and Ronald (Joan) Beck. Also survived by 1 brother and 4 grandchildren. Services were held December 31 at Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home with interment at Glen Eden Memorial Park. Memorial contributions to Risen Christ Church - Building Fund, 46250 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth, 48170, would be appreciated.

BRITZ, ORVILLE
Age 73, of Romulus, passed away January 2, 1998. Beloved husband of Flora. Dear father of Priscilla Bolt, Kenneth Sirdan, Sr., Thomas Britz and David Britz. Also survived by 1 sister, 10 grandchildren and several great grandchildren. Services were held January 5 at St. John's Ev. Lutheran Church with interment at Michigan Memorial Park. Arrangements by Uht Funeral Home. Memorial contributions to the Church Associated Spring Co., Plymouth, would be appreciated.

DEBEAUDRY, OMER
Age 80, of Canton, passed away December 31, 1997. Beloved husband of Crystal. Dear father of Diane (Vincent) Forbes, Carol (David) Proffitt and Thomas (Soila). Also survived by 2 brothers, 8 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Services were held January 3 at St. Thomas

A'Becket Catholic Church with interment at St. Hedwig Cemetery. Arrangements by Vermeulen Funeral Home. Memorial contributions in the form of mass offerings to the St. Vincent De Paul Society would be appreciated.

DRAKE, CELIA
Age 82, of Belleville, passed away January 1, 1998. Beloved wife of the late Thaddeus. Dear mother of Gregory (Gina). Also survived by 4 sisters and 5 grandchildren. Services were held January 5 at St. Anthony's Catholic Church. Cremation rites were accorded. Arrangements by Uht Funeral Home. Memorial contributions to St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Belleville, would be appreciated.

DWYER, RICHARD, SR.
Age 69, of Willis, passed away January 1, 1998. Beloved husband of LaVonne (Benedict) Dwyer. Dear father of Richard (Carol), Coleen (Stephen) Lambert, John and Linda (John Jordan) Dwyer. Also survived by 1 brother, 3 sisters, 8 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Services were held January 5 at David C. Brown Funeral Home with interment at Hillside Cemetery.

GEOFFREY, VINCENT
Age 87, of Livonia, passed away December 27, 1997. Beloved husband of the late Angles. Dear father of Stephen (Mary Ann), David (Rita), Mark (Sonia) and James. Also survived by 2 brothers, 2 sisters, 12 grandchildren and 11 great grandchildren. Services were held December 29 at St. Martin De Porres Catholic Church with interment at Resurrection Cemetery. Arrangements by Vermeulen Trust 100 Funeral Home. Memorial contributions to the Hospice of Southeastern Michigan, Southfield, would be appreciated.

GREGOR, JULIE
Age 30, of Plymouth, passed away December 29, 1997. Beloved wife of Ken. Dear mother of Paul Sou. Loving daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred VanCleve and daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Gregor. Also survived by 1 sister and 1 brother. Services were held January 3 at St. Kenneth Catholic Church with interment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens, West. Arrangements by Uht Funeral Home.

HORN, MARGARET
Age 90, of La Salle Twp., passed away January 3, 1998. Beloved mother of

Robert and Margaret (Bernard) Joseph. Also survived by 6 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. Services were held January 5 at Crane Funeral Home with interment at Michigan Memorial Park.

KENDRICK, ESTA
Age 92, of Dearborn, passed away January 3, 1998. Beloved wife of the late Hollie. Dear mother of Donald, Clarence MaGahey, Olive Jackson and the late Doyle. Also survived by 1 sister, many grandchildren, many great grandchildren and many great great grandchildren. Services were held January 6 at Uht Funeral Home with interment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens, West.

KORNE, DOROTHY
Age 73, of Wayne, passed away December 24, 1997. Beloved mother of Christopher (Marlene) Korne. Dear sister of Barbara Eidelhoch. Services were held December 29 at Vermeulen Funeral Home with interment at Cadillac Memorial Gardens, West. Memorial contributions to the First Presbyterian Church of Wayne would be appreciated.

LYSON, FRANK, SR.
Age 80, of Belleville, passed away January 1, 1998. Beloved husband of Helen (Kotlarczyk) Lyson. Dear father of Jane (Ronald) Vesche, Frank (Shirley), James (Jeanene) and Joseph. Also survived by 1 brother, 1 sister, 9 grandchildren and 8 great grandchildren. A funeral mass was held January 3 at St. Anthony Catholic Church with interment at Michigan Memorial Park. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home. Memorial contributions to the American Diabetes Association would be appreciated.

MILLS, SYLVIA
Age 70, of Belleville, passed away December 28, 1997. Beloved wife of the late Emery. Dear mother of Karen Rossell, Glen, Katherine (Jerome) Capozzoli, JoAnn (David) Wheeler, Steven (Cheryl) and Lynn. Also survived by 3 sisters, 1 brother and 7 grandchildren. A grave side service was held December 30 at Azalia Cemetery, Monroe. Arrangements by David C. Brown Funeral Home. Memorial contributions to the American Cancer Society would be appreciated.

NELSON, ELIZABETH
Age 48, of Howell, passed away January 4, 1998. Beloved husband of Peter

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SCOTT, ADA
Age 97, of Belleville, passed away January 3, 1998. Beloved mother of Betty (John) Levick, Ruth Bleeker and Mary Lou Ratz. Also survived by 12 grandchildren, 23 great grandchildren and 5 great great grandchildren. Services were held January 5 at Community United Methodist Church with interment at Michigan Memorial Park. Arrangements by Crane Funeral Home.

SOUTHWELL, GAYLORD
Age 48, of Dearborn Heights (formerly of Wayne), passed away December 24, 1997. Beloved father of Geoffrey and Jason. Dear son of Gabrielle and the late George. Also survived by 4 brothers, 3 sisters and 1 grandson. A memorial mass was held December 26 at St. Mary's Catholic Church. Arrangements by Harry J. Will Funeral Home. Memorial contributions to the American Lung Association would be appreciated.

STOCKER, MAUREEN
Age 62, of Plymouth, passed away December 29, 1997. Beloved wife of Robert. Dear mother of Michael, Mary Jo (Leslie) Peck, Patti, Mark (Kathleen), Margaret (Greg) Michalek, Monica (Steve) Jarrett and John (Laune). Also survived by 3 sisters, 3 brothers and 4 grandchildren. Services were held December 31 at Our Lady of Good Council Catholic Church with interment at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Arrangements by Vermeulen Funeral Home. Memorial contributions to Angela Hospice, Livonia, would be appreciated.

STONE, ALEX
Age 78, of Garden City, passed away January 2, 1998. Beloved husband of Gladys. Dear father of Jerrie Gray, Donna (Fred) Ramsey, Jackie (Steven) Quick and John. Also survived by 2 brothers, 2 sisters, 3 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Services were held January 6 at Uht Funeral Home. Cremation rites were accorded.

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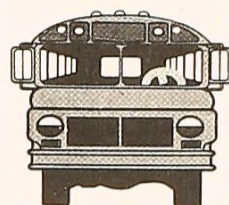
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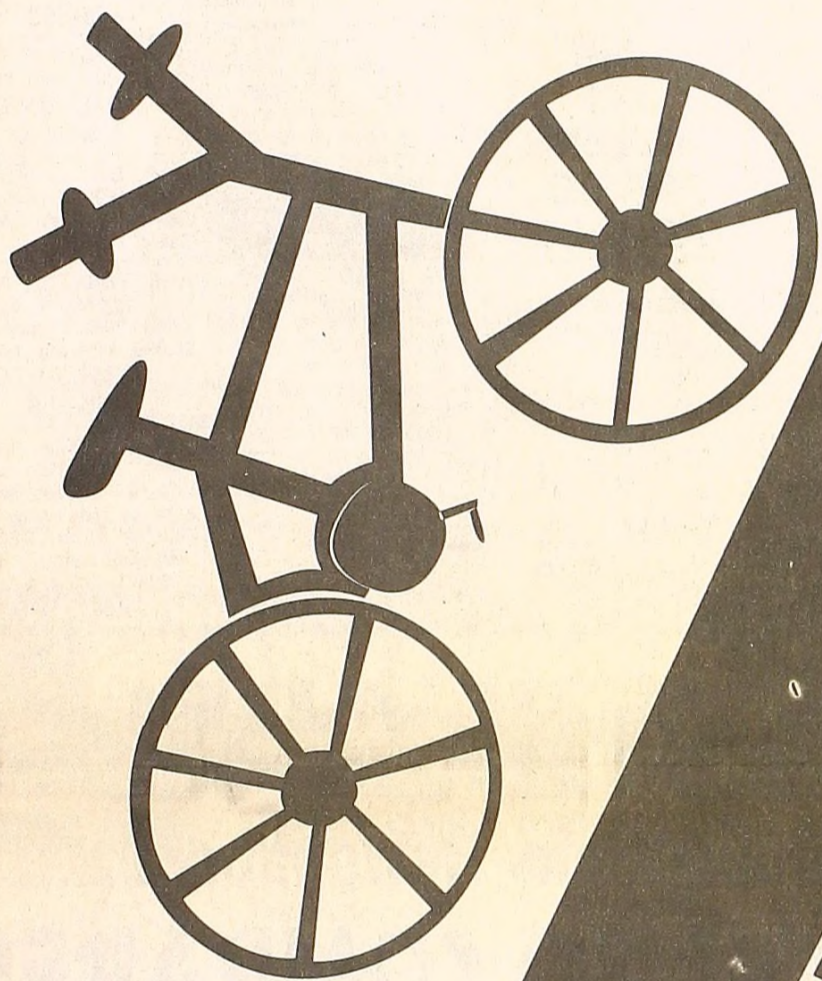
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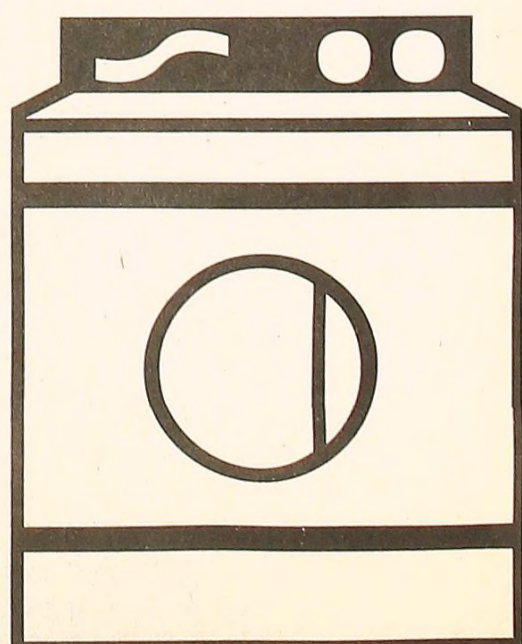
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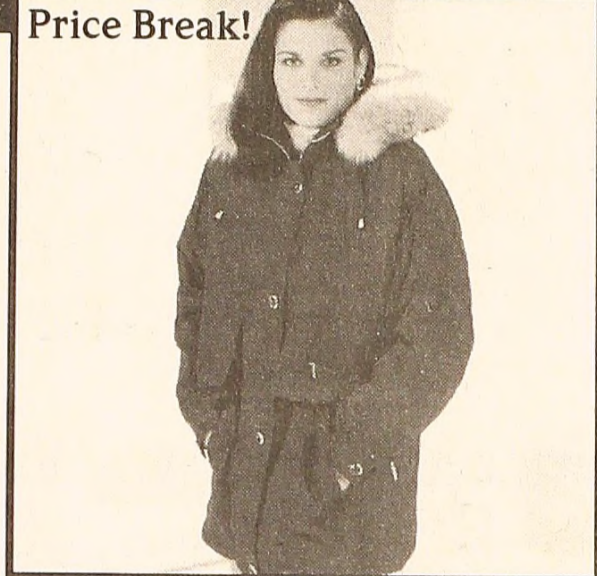
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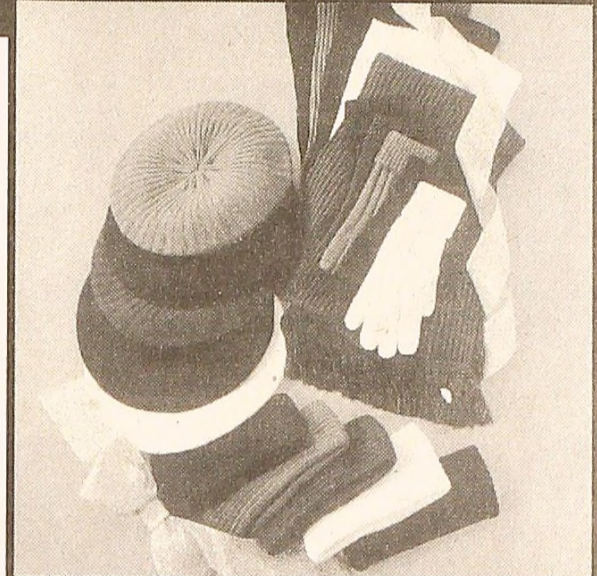
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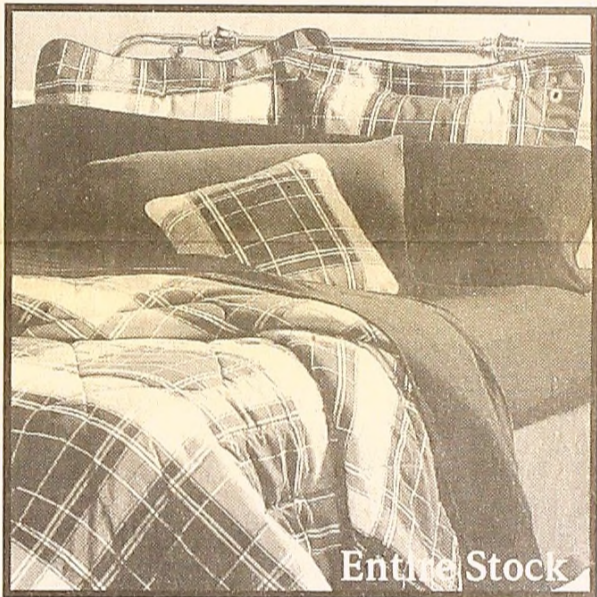


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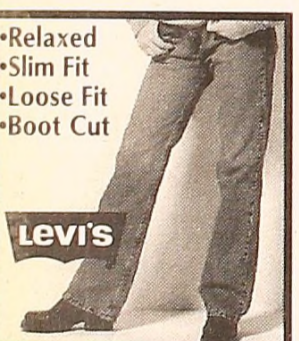
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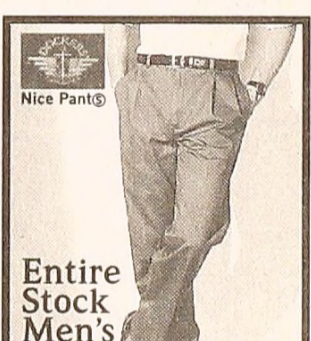


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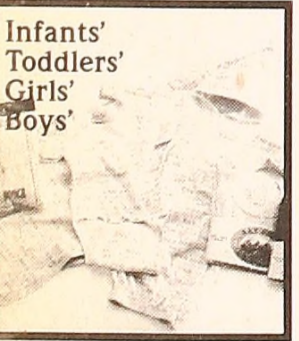


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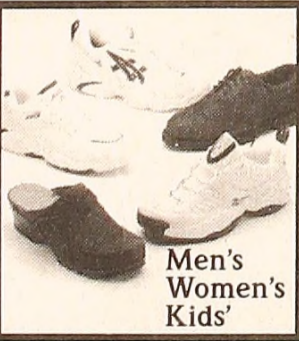


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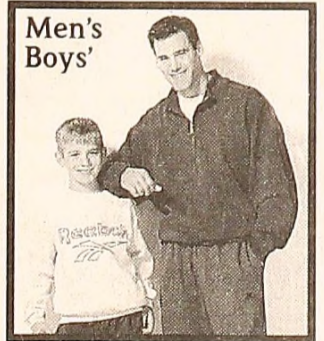


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